

Tough tactics in jail troubles

Strangeways warders seize riot prisoner

By Staff Reporters

IN AN apparent change of tactic, one of the ringleaders of the long-running disturbance at Strangeways Prison in Manchester was snatched by prison officers yesterday amid clear signs that the staff were toughening their approach to the siege.

It came on the same day that authorities at Pucklechurch remand centre near Bath, Avon, sent in prison officers armed with batons and shields to take control of a riot-hit establishment.

A fierce outbreak of disorder was quelled early yesterday as "control and restraint" squads at Pucklechurch fought their way through the severely damaged prison. Five prison officers were hurt, one suffering a broken jaw, and two prisoners were injured.

At one point staff and inmates were said to be locked in "hand-to-hand" conflict with rioters who pelted them with a vicious assortment of improvised missiles.

The 18-hour riot, which began at around 7pm on Sunday night when virtually all the prison's 120 young male prisoners went on the rampage, ended with prison staff cornering a large body of protesters on a rooftop.

Earlier, Mr Brendan O'Neil, the governor of Strangeways, stated to journalists that tougher tactics could be employed soon in the siege, which is now in its 24th day, though it is understood that he and senior prison department officials are still unhappy about the idea of attempting to retake the jail in a dramatic coup de main.

However, there was evidence yesterday evening that prison officers, under periodic attack from slate-throwing inmates, were continuing to try to clear a path through the lower floors of those wings still occupied by rioters. At one point another large fire was lit by inmates.

It is expected that staff will heighten the psychological warfare by playing high-pressure hoses on the remaining six inmates more frequently and sounding klaxons. One senior official likened the situation to the Allies' painstaking attempt to winkle German units out of the Italian redoubt of Monte Casino during the Second World War.

The latest prisoner to be returned to "legal custody" was reported to be Alan Lord, who is serving a life sentence for murder. Last night a Home Office spokesman at Strangeways Prison said he had been seized by prison officers at a corner point within the prison. Neither he nor the officers involved sustained any injuries.

Fires started by the remaining inmates, in B and C wings, were put out by firemen who last night continued to play water on to the prison through powerful hoses.

The Home Office said the siege did not mark an important change of policy, but was merely the continuation of plans in which prisoners would be seized if the opportunity arose without the risk of serious injury to staff. Officials are hoping the capture of Lord, who has been one of the most prominent protesters, will be a blow to the remaining inmates.

The Home Office, in an attempt to clear up a controversy which has been threatening to divide the government and his superiors, claimed the decision not to send in riot teams within 24 hours of the disorder erupting had been reached jointly by Mr O'Neil and senior Prison Department officials.

In a radio interview on Saturday Mr Chris Train, the department's director-general, seemed to suggest that Mr O'Neil had blocked calls for force to be used.

At Pucklechurch where, according to a recent Prison Inspectorate report, there is

little problem of overcrowding or under-staffing, inmates aged 17 to 21 hunkered heavy pieces of metal, bedspring, rocks and slates during the disorder.

The Home Office blamed the riot on "copy-cat" trouble-makers trying to emulate the Strangeways siege. Penal reform groups agreed the action was partly imitative but claimed that conditions inside the jail, built in 1967, were far from ideal, with boredom and too much time spent in cells being the chief problems.

Two squads of prison officers, wearing helmets and other protective clothing, forced their way into the male wings of the jail, tearing down barricades, and eventually trapping about 80 inmates on the roof of C Wing. They surrendered en masse at around breakfast time.

Mr Raymond Walker, the assistant governor, said: "They saw that our teams were in position on the roof. We had regained control of the rest of the buildings and it was pointless then continuing."

More than 200 prison officers from as far afield as Oxford and Winchester were brought in during the morning to reinforce the operation. Mr John Aldridge, the governor of Gloucester prison, said he was staggered at the "incredible amount of damage" that had been caused. "The structure is only just standing in most of the prison... Walls have been knocked down and there are fires almost everywhere."

Local Prison Officers' Association officials blamed the disturbance on under-manning. Mr Peter Hall, the local chairman, said he had had several conversations with the governor. "I had asked for more staff. We got a couple more last Saturday."

He said officers had recently been tipped-off by inmates that trouble was brewing. Relatives of the inmates waiting outside the centre during the siege alleged that conditions inside were deplorable. One man, who declined to be named, said that his nephew, who was involved in the protest, had often been locked up for 23 hours a day.

"He phoned me last night at 1.30 and told me that he had had trouble in the centre."

"He said it was best to go on Rule 43 because you could stay out of trouble with other prisoners and warders."

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Shares hit by Kohl Ostmark decision

From Ian Murray, Bonn

HERR Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, brushed aside the economic arguments of the powerful Bundesbank yesterday and took the political but expensive decision to convert East Germany's nearly worthless Ostmarks into strong Deutschmarks at parity.

The move immediately weakened the DM and sent West German share and bond prices lower, with fears that monetary union will boost inflation and put a fiscal burden of up to DM30 billion a year on West Germany adding to nervousness about the Lithuanian situation.

The mark ended the day at DM1.6973 to the dollar, down almost a cent. In Frankfurt the index of leading shares fell 46.83 to 1,837.50.

The Chancellor's decision, which fulfils half promises he made during the East German election campaign last month, opens the way to negotiations on reunification between the two governments.

Herr Lothar de Maizière, the East German Prime Minister, told Herr Kohl on the telephone yesterday that the parity offer was "interesting".

The two men will meet in Bonn today to begin the first purposeful discussions on unification.

The Bundesbank had wanted to exchange at two Ostmarks to the DM, but the Government believed it would be difficult to negotiate currency and economic union on such terms.

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Giving up: One of the Pucklechurch inmates surrenders to prison officers in riot gear sent in to end the siege.

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Tunnel work speeds up

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

HALF the Channel Tunnel has been bored and lined but another £2 billion will have to be raised to complete the project by June 1993, Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's deputy chairman, announced yesterday.

As of Saturday, 75.7 kilometres of tunnel has been completed. This includes three of the 12 tunnel segments and breakthrough on the service tunnel is now expected in November — one month ahead of schedule.

The additional funding is needed to cover increased construction and borrowing costs and to avoid the embarrassment of having to ask for more funds should costs rise still further, Mr Morton said.

If successful in raising the additional £2 billion, Eurotunnel will have up to £8.5 billion at its disposal — £1 billion more than is presently needed to complete the £7.5 billion project. It was originally costed at £4.87 billion.

Although relations between Eurotunnel and Transmanche Link (TML), the Anglo-French consortium building the tunnel, have improved considerably in recent months, disputed estimates of costs for certain elements of the project have not been resolved. These could ultimately end up in court, Mr Morton said.

"The magnitude of the cost overruns is a source of profound concern to Eurotunnel, and is at the root of our strong differences with TML," he said. He added that the dispute did not prevent him from seeing the "remarkable achievements" of the past 12 months.

The TML-Eurotunnel dispute arises largely from conflicting estimates over the cost of building the two Channel Tunnel terminals near Calais and Folkestone. Increased costs of equipment, however, account for a significant portion of the overrun.

TML's tunnelling costs are also up by about £500 million more than anticipated. These because of the need to employ an additional 300 to 400 workers as the length of the tunnel increases.

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Released hostage frail and hungry

From Ian Murray, Wiesbaden

PROFESSOR Robert Polhill, the US academic held hostage for more than three years in Beirut, took his first unsteady steps as a free man yesterday when he emerged frail and exhausted from a US Air Force transporter to a hero's welcome.

Professor Polhill, who has emerged from captivity looking more like a septuagenarian than a man of 55, was described as "alert and in relatively good shape" after his release.

But staff at the Lindsey US Air Force hospital, where he was admitted for medical tests and intelligence debriefings, described him as "malnourished and mildly dehydrated".

His American minders, charged the task of helping his re-integration into society, took every effort to provide all the details of how he had spent the time since his release to the Syrian authorities in Beirut on Sunday evening. But they took even more trouble to prevent any important facts slipping out about how he had spent the previous 39 months as a captive in Beirut, or what had ultimately led to his release.

They would not even guess why he had been chosen for release from among the three Americans who were taken hostage at the same time, although the fact that he is a diabetic, that he is the oldest of them and that he is married to a Lebanese woman all must have played a part.

A huge hand-painted message on a sheet, hung on a balcony on the side of the hospital, explained why the

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Clarke gives embryos Bill his support

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

MR KENNETH Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, yesterday emphasized his personal support for continuing research on human embryos up to 14 days old under strict conditions.

As MPs started two days of debate on experiments on human embryos and abortion, Mr Clarke argued strongly against banning all research. He said the moral duty of respecting the sanctity of human life was compatible with the moral duty of carrying out research to alleviate suffering and disease.

MPs will have a free "conscience" vote to decide whether to follow the Lords and vote in favour of licensed research. Although Mr Clarke said he would support research, he made clear he would respect the final judgement of the Commons.

Campaigners for and against continuing experiments have fiercely lobbied MPs as they embarked on the committee stage of the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, based on the 1984 Warnock report. Peers have voted nearly three to one in favour of embryo research.

A recent telephone survey of 383 MPs found that 60 per cent would back research on embryos up to 14 days with only 28 per cent wanting a ban and 12 per cent undecided.

Mr Clarke said research offered the hope of helping childless couples, finding cures for congenital diseases, miscarriages and abnormalities in genes and finding better methods of contraception.

"I believe that as long as embryo research is done openly and within the framework of strict statutory controls such as are laid down in this Bill, the benefits which are held in promise by that research should not be withheld from those who wish to take advantage of it," he said.

Miss Jo Richardson, Labour's frontbench spokeswoman on women's affairs, backed research, saying MPs were voting for the future generations, as the benefits might not be seen for many years.

Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP and Father of the House, made an impassioned speech against research, saying: "We are not talking about a cluster of cells; we are talking about human life and as such should be protected."

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Museum 'to lose' 46 jobs

Forty-six scientific jobs at the Natural History Museum are to be lost because of a 15 per cent staff cut as part of the management's new corporate plan, unions claimed yesterday.

The museum, however, denied that the jobs were to be lost. "No decisions have been made and nobody is losing their job at this stage," a spokeswoman said. Page 2

Inquest resumes

The inquest into the deaths of the 51 victims of the Marchioness riverboat disaster resumed yesterday despite objections on behalf of bereaved families worried that the possibility of a prosecution may prevent a full hearing. Page 3

Turkish threat

When Mrs Thatcher arrives in Turkey today she will be visiting a country where mounting political violence has prompted fears of a slide back into the chaos that caused the Army to seize power in 1980. Page 11

Borrowing rises

Companies are borrowing more as the economy slows under the weight of high interest rates. Bank of England figures show bank and building society lending to the private sector increased by £9.2 billion last month compared with a £7.3 billion rise in February. Page 25

Goldsmith abandons BAT takeover bid

By Stephen Leather

BRITAIN'S biggest takeover battle ended last night after Sir James Goldsmith called off his £13.4 billion bid for the tobacco-based conglomerate BAT Industries.

His Hoylake investment vehicle abandoned its takeover attempt after a legal battle in the US where he planned to sell a BAT insurance subsidiary to a French financial services company. City experts reckon the bid could have cost Sir James, Lord Rothschild and Mr Kerry Packer nearly £40 million.



Sir James Goldsmith: £13.4 billion bid dropped

Even the KGB succumbs to privatization

By David Young

THE private eye slipped off his grubby mask, a more than usually ill-fitting version in this case, and reached for the bottle of vodka at the bottom of his desk-drawer.

That's right, vodka. Not bourbon or 12-year-old Scotch just off the boat. This private eye works in Moscow, is KGB-trained and is the latest member of the Association of British Investigators.

The ABI, founded 77 years ago by a former Scotland Yard detective, has always been able to boast members from Birmingham to Bombay, from Venezuela and Vancouver. Its latest member is Mr Valentin Kosyakov, an ex-KGB officer, who has set up his own private investigation bureau with branches in Moscow and Leningrad. His new company provides a full

range of private investigation facilities, from security vetting to missing persons tracing — there is quite a bit of scope for the missing-persons business in Russia, the ABI points out with considerable understatement.

Membership of the ABI will give his new company, the Alex Agency, new links with established private investigators in Britain and throughout Europe through the ABI's affiliation to the Internationale Kommission d'Enquete-Verband.

Although he is the first Russian member, the ABI has also had inquiries from new private investigation agencies in Poland and Hungary, where private agencies are taking over responsibility for many aspects of the security system which were previously handled by the state. Agencies are also providing services for the new

breed of private entrepreneurs who need bodyguards when travelling with large amounts of cash.

Mr Kosyakov has been in touch with the ABI for some time and now that his membership has been approved, after a check on his educational qualifications, references and discharge documents from the KGB, he plans to attend his next training seminar in Kenilworth later this year.

The Alex Agency, a co-operative venture headed by Mr Kosyakov, is the first private investigation bureau of its kind in the Soviet Union and is staffed by former KGB workers, officials from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the public. It offers legal consultations as well as protection from the racketeers who have emerged as the free-market economy

gathers pace. But Mr Kosyakov has made a firm rule that he will have no dealings with what he describes as shady characters and the criminal classes. In that respect he meets the ABI membership criteria.

The association has been attempting, during its 77 years' existence, to be recognized by the Home Office. At present it estimates that only 450 out of the 4,500 working in the private investigating business in Britain are members.

Mr Norman Smith, a member of its governing council and its education and training officer, said: "Private investigators all over the world recognize the worth of being members of the ABI. But in Britain itself anyone taking the name of a private investigator from the telephone book is taking a leap in the dark."

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Unions say museum is to cut 46 science jobs

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

FORTY-SIX scientific jobs at the Natural History Museum are to be lost in a 15 per cent staff cut as part of the management's new corporate plan, unions claimed yesterday.

Ten of the 49 botanists and 11 of the 54 paleontologists at the museum are to go, ending research on fossil birds and plants, the Institution of Professional Managers and Specialists, said. Taxidermists, designers and information officers would also lose their jobs.

The union is to discuss the implications with the Civil and Public Services Association and the First Division Association, who also represent staff.

Miss Valerie Ellis, the assistant general secretary of the institution, said: "These plans have been shrouded in secrecy. No one has been consulted about what are fateful decisions, not just for the museum but for the study of plant and animal life in the UK."

The Natural History Museum, however, last night denied that the jobs were to go in the corporate plan approved by the trustees and revealed to staff for the first time yesterday.

"No decisions have been

made, and nobody is losing their job at this stage," a spokeswoman said. "In the corporate plan, 100 posts are to be lost by 1992-93, but 40 per cent have already been lost through natural wastage. We are talking about posts at this stage, not jobs."

"We are cutting back work in some areas and increasing work in others, and we hope the savings will be made in redeployment and voluntary early retirement. We may then ask for voluntary redundancy, based on the model redundancy agreement, but we won't know if that will be necessary until September."

In the plan, research effort is to be concentrated on six scientific programmes related to contemporary needs and issues, the spokeswoman said.

Last year the pay roll accounted for 98 per cent of the museum's revenue funding, and the 16 per cent increase from the Office of Arts and Libraries for this year reduced the ratio to 92 per cent. The hope was to increase the museum's own contribution to revenue funding from 27 to 30 per cent.

Last autumn the Natural History Museum announced a £5 million appeal for its development plans.

Diggers return to friendlier Anzac Cove



THE Australians were back yesterday on the narrow beach at Anzac Cove. Their forebears were slaughtered in their thousands 75 years earlier under withering Turkish fire, but the reception from the locals this time was friendly (David Sapsed writes from Gallipoli).

The soldiers, field engineers from Brisbane and Sydney, were sound-proofing a generator with bags filled with the sand which proved such inadequate protection in the Gallipoli adventure. Eerie reminders of that abortive campaign were uncovered as they worked:

one found a water can pierced by a bullet hole, another an unfired rifle round.

The preparations were being made for tomorrow's dawn ceremony at the Cove, where the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Bob Hawke, will lead thousands of his countrymen in a service of remembrance for the 8,000 Australians who fell in a campaign indelibly etched on the continent's psyche.

With Australian frigates and a submarine patrolling off shore, 50 Anzac veterans — the youngest of them 93 years old — will salute their fallen colleagues

before a multinational gathering to mark the first landings on April 25 1915.

Many young Australian backpackers are already in an area dedicated by Turkey as a national park and the final resting place of 140,000 servicemen from Turkey, Britain, France and the Empire.

On the fringe of the park a bar selling "100% Australian beef hamburgers" has been set up, but the park itself has remained unsullied by the encroachments of the commercial world of the 90s.

Last night five British veterans of Gallipoli arrived after a few days in Istanbul.

MP to ask for apology over claim he was duped by Iraq

From Robin Oakley, Chief Political Correspondent

The Iraqi gun affair last night took a new turn when Sir Hal Miller said he understood that Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, had been making a number of uncomplimentary references to him, including the suggestion that he had been "duped", had been taking money and had been "present when the Iraqis were doing things".

Sir Hal said he would be asking for an apology from No 10. Last night, however, Mr Ingham said: "These are monstrous allegations. There is no truth in them whatsoever."

Sir Hal, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove, said last night that there was "a lot of disinformation going on" in Whitehall. It is lowering the tone of how public business is conducted.

He intends raising the matter with the Executive of the Conservative backbench 1992 Committee when the affair is concluded.

He confirmed that in spite of the fact that Whitehall departments had for several days been saying that they were still trying to trace the contacts with him, no one from the departments had approached him to check the dates and names of which he has kept notes.

He said he had docu-

mentary evidence that Walter Somers, the company whose behalf he interceded had been given clearance over its part of the contract two years ago.

Asked how he received this, he would only say: "It floated across my desk."

Sir Hal has written a second letter to the Prime Minister, to whom he had already supplied a copy of his notes, correcting some minor details in his initial dossier.

He said last night that he had every confidence that the Prime Minister, with whom he had no quarrel, would deal with the issue on the basis of the facts, saying the setting up of a Whitehall inquiry was evidence of this.

Sir Hal added that his only concern was to protect the reputation of two people whom he knew to have behaved honourably and in the national interest. He would, if necessary, give evidence in court.

"But it is inconceivable to me that the Government would want my evidence to be given in open court."

He said that Dr Rex Bayless, the former managing director of Walter Somers, had approached him to contact the Government in the first place because the Iraqis had charged the order from steel used in the oil industry to steel used in the armaments industry.

Britain's security authorities first received positive intelligence about Iraqi plans to build a super gun "several months" before the seizure by Customs of eight crates of steel pipes at Teesport docks, according to senior Whitehall sources yesterday (Michael Evans writes).

But the sources insisted that the warnings first made in 1988 by Sir Hal, acting on behalf of one of the companies involved in the Iraqi contract, had come before there was any suggestion of a super gun project.

Attention switches to plight of remand prisoners

By Quentin Cowdry
Home Affairs Correspondent

EVEN penal reformers acknowledged yesterday that the riot at Pucklechurch — a remand centre that won some praise recently from the Prison Inspectorate — was partly imitative of other recent jail disturbances.

If the "copy-cat" component is undisputed, however, there is also a broad consensus that the conditions in which many of Britain's 10,000 unconvicted prisoners are detained are unacceptable. Five per cent of the prisoners are later acquitted at trial and 35 per cent are found guilty but not given a custodial sentence.

In spite of this, virtually all such inmates are housed in cells with no integral sanitation and, for many, access to education, work or even physical exercise is severely limited. Predictably, life is worst for those in inner-city, Victorian-built jails such as Brixton in south London.

Ironically, given the latest outburst of jail violence, Pucklechurch offered some of the best facilities for remand prisoners. Built in 1967, the jail is neither seriously overcrowded nor understaffed and has traditionally enjoyed good inmate-staff relations — facts acknowledged by Judge Tunim, Chief Inspector of Prisons, in his report on Pucklechurch last year. He spoke of the "general air of co-operation" there, the adequate level of security and the jail's "pleasant setting".

He noted, however, that Pucklechurch, which accommodates about 120 male and 50 female inmates, suffered problems common to all remand institutions.

Education classes were under-attended, the workshop had only 30 places and there was a general need for the regime for prisoners to be made more "positive".

Penal reformers say there is an urgent need for the Home Office to set up a directorate within the prison department with specific responsibility for remand prisoners, as staff tend to treat sentenced and unsentenced prisoners in the same way. In some jails, the two groups are mixed together.

Dr Silvia Casale, a consultant criminologist and member of the Parole Board who has regularly visited Pucklechurch, said many remand inmates found it difficult to contact solicitors and enjoy other "basic legal rights". The Home Office needs to address more fundamentally than it has up to now that these prisoners must be presumed innocent," she said.

She admitted to being a "bit surprised" about the disturbance at the jail.

Mr Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, said: "There is no excuse for officers being taken hostage or inmates destroying the fabric of prisons. However, the Prison Service does have a duty of care over inmates. With remand prisoners, in particular, it falls down on this count."

Councils challenge capping

AT LEAST seven councils which have had their community charge capped by the Government will be represented in court today at the start of a test case against the Department of the Environment (Ray Clancy writes).

They are seeking leave for a judicial review of the decision by Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, to cap them on the grounds that the criteria he used was unfair and unlawful.

Lawyers acting for Hammersmith and Fulham, Islington, Camden, Greenwich, Rotherham, Barnsley and Derbyshire County Council are involved in the action.

Exam for pilots

Pilots will have to sit a rigorous examination into their knowledge of both human and computer behaviour from the end of next year before they are awarded a licence to fly. The syllabus was unveiled yesterday by Dr Roger Green, of the Institute of Aviation Medicine.

Baby alert

Bogus social workers who asked to examine a six-month-old baby they claimed had been sexually abused, were being hunted by detectives yesterday. The incident, near Marlborough, Wiltshire, comes after similar cases in Somerset, Avon and the north of England.

Gas safety move

Gas fitters will be forced by law to put their names on a register in a move to beat cowboy operators, it was announced in Parliament yesterday. Last year six people died in explosions involving gas, 33 died from poisoning and a further 37 were injured in explosions.

Death inquiry

Cleveland Council is to conduct an inquiry into the death of Susan Mudge, aged 14, of Stockton-on-Tees, who died when she became separated from her party on a hill-walking expedition in the Lake District last Sunday, organized by the council's social services department.

Soviet TV test

Three trial episodes of the BBC's *Yes Prime Minister* will reach an estimated audience of 180 million people when broadcast this June in the Soviet Union to coincide with British Week. The state television network plans to test them on its audience before acquiring the series.

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Firms overcharged by up to £100,000 on telephone bills

By Nick Nisbitt, Technology Correspondent

AN "ALARMING" catalogue of widespread overcharging by Britain's two leading telephone companies was disclosed in a study published yesterday.

Mistakes of up to £100,000 on a single company account are being blamed on inaccurate invoicing, aggravated by a combination of computer errors, unpenetrable, scammy or confusing bills. The survey, carried out by the Telecommunications Managers Association, says that resolving discrepancies is often a time-consuming and frustrating process.

The study showed that companies were charged for calls made and received which had not been made and others were billed for rental equipment before it was installed. "The lack of confidence in the accuracy of these bills is now so widespread that the investigation

and correction of errors is absorbing a disproportionate amount of management effort," Mr Adrian Squires, director of the association, said. "There cannot be many other suppliers who would be permitted to perpetrate this level of inaccuracy in billing."

The findings come amid mounting concern over British Telecom's profits on international calls through the alleged use of a price-fixing agreement with foreign countries. A leaked document claims that the company is making nearly a 60 per cent profit on overseas calls when new technologies and increased traffic have cut operating costs.

Mr Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, yesterday accused the company of "bizarre profiteering"

and called on Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to refer the matter to the Office of Fair Trading.

However, British Telecom said: "The claim of blatant profiteering by BT is simply untrue. A recent independent survey of major countries showed UK charges for international calls to be the cheapest. Overall, our prices have fallen in real terms by some 20 per cent in the past five years."

A spokesman for Sir Leon Brittan, European Commissioner for competition policy, said yesterday that the commission is considering an inquiry to look at European telephone charging arrangements as a result of the price-fixing claim. Price cartels between national telephone companies are illegal under Article 85 of the Treaty of Rome.

The survey, which questioned more than 100 members of the managers association including Rank, Midland Bank, Shell and ICI, is likely to intensify concern over the activities of Britain's main telephone company. The British Telecom/Mercury duopoly runs out in November after which the Government may license further national telephone operators.

Although the survey focuses on the plight of commercial customers, the association said the findings were also relevant to domestic bills. British Telecom has attacked the report as "unscientific and highly misleading".

Nearly 90 per cent of the companies questioned, representing many of British Telecom's major national and international customers, said they had been overcharged in the past year. Nearly half said they had been overcharged by more than 50 per cent. The survey found that, rather than reduced, the Marchioness, but caused damage right across the bottom. "It demonstrated quite clearly that the vessel was run over by the larger vessel," he said.

Those who managed to escape from the two lower decks did so through windows or through a door on the port side that the mate of the Marchioness, Mr Andrew McGowan, held open. Captain de Coverly said that Mr McGowan, who had been thrown in to the water but had managed to climb back on board, had acted "gallantly".

On collision, it was estimated, the Bowbelle was travelling at five knots and the Marchioness, which had a passenger certificate for 149 plus two crew, at three knots.

The court was told that the boat trip was to celebrate the 26th birthday of Mr Antonio Vasconcellos, a financier, who died.

Miss Magdi Allam said that she was thrown into the water and the strong current swept her on to a bank. The hearing continues today.



Mr McGowan: Praised for acting gallantly

Owner 'knew dogs likely to attack'

THE owner of three Rotweillers which attacked children in a school knew they were likely to attack if let loose, Enfield magistrates' court was told yesterday.

Mrs Doris Brown, aged 46, of Enfield, north London, has denied three charges of allowing an unmuzzled ferocious dog to be at large. The charges relate to an attack on children at Bishop Stopford secondary school in Enfield on February 14.

Mr Stuart Frost, for the prosecution, said the three dogs were let out by Mrs Brown into her garden shortly before 8am on February 14 but within 10 minutes they had escaped. He said that two days earlier two of the dogs had escaped and Mrs Brown had told police that although they were normally placid they could bite someone.

He said five schoolboys aged between 11 and 13 were injured in the school and playground. Most of the boys suffered lacerations and puncture wounds to their arms, buttocks and legs, he said.

The case continues today.

Thames disaster inquest reopens amid criticism

By Mark Souster

THE inquest into the deaths of the 51 victims of the Marchioness riverboat disaster resumed yesterday despite objections on behalf of at least half of the bereaved families and criticism of the Director of Public Prosecutions for delaying a decision on whether to bring charges.

The delay of eight months since the Thames disaster has prompted a full inquest, but cannot be heard for fear of prejudicing any future trial, a situation that was said to have added to the distress of many of the bereaved.

Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner, told bereaved relatives at Westminster Council House: "I have given up predicting when a decision of the DPP is to be made. I am also dealing with the Clapham disaster - your eight months is precisely half the time that those families have been waiting."

Later, outside the court, Mr Philip, of the Marchioness Action Group, called for an immediate public inquiry. Mr Philip said that since the disaster, one crew member from the Bowbelle, the other vessel involved, had died. He said: "We don't want to be in a Clapham situation. In 16 months' time, more witnesses may have died."

In rejecting submissions for the inquest to be adjourned, Dr Knapman said: "The question is, is it better to have half a loaf now than nothing at all in the foreseeable future." He said that many of the bereaved wanted the inquest to proceed.

Giving evidence, Captain James de Coverly, of the marine accidents investigation branch of the Department of Transport, said that the 46-ton Marchioness had sunk within a minute of the collision with the Bowbelle, a 1,880-ton deadweight dredger.

He said that the Marchioness, which had 127 passengers and two crew on board, had carried the correct safety appliances - seven rafts and seven lifeboats. However, when Dr Knapman referred to criticism by survivors of a lack of rafts, he said: "It is a fair comment that they could have

been more conspicuous." At the time of the collision on August 20, many passengers were on the open upper deck from which 19 escaped. On impact, the superstructure was sheared away.

Captain de Coverly said: "On impact, the Marchioness was swinging strongly to port across the bows of Bowbelle." He said she was turned over by more than 90 degrees. The severe impact ceased, rather than ruptured, the Marchioness, but caused damage right across the bottom. "It demonstrated quite clearly that the vessel was run over by the larger vessel," he said.

Those who managed to escape from the two lower decks did so through windows or through a door on the port side that the mate of the Marchioness, Mr Andrew McGowan, held open. Captain de Coverly said that Mr McGowan, who had been thrown in to the water but had managed to climb back on board, had acted "gallantly".

On collision, it was estimated, the Bowbelle was travelling at five knots and the Marchioness, which had a passenger certificate for 149 plus two crew, at three knots.

The court was told that the boat trip was to celebrate the 26th birthday of Mr Antonio Vasconcellos, a financier, who died.

Miss Magdi Allam said that she was thrown into the water and the strong current swept her on to a bank. The hearing continues today.

Lloyd Webber asks £11m for house short of the ideal home

By Ray Clancy

THE owner of what has been described as "the finest residential home in London" is selling because he has never felt comfortable in the £11 million mansion.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer, bought the imposing residence in Eaton Square, Belgravia, only five months ago. His wife, Sarah Brightman, was reported to be unhappy with his decision and, no doubt, many people, on seeing inside, would sympathize. The six-floor, 10-bedroom house, crammed with antiques and every possible luxury, is the ultimate in opulence but, as Lloyd Webber has said, it is not really a home and perhaps never could be.

One recent owner, Adrian Khashoggi's former wife Soraya, never used it as a home. She rented it to Chief Clerk Kenneth Thompson of Nigeria, his two wives and 20 children. They were evicted in 1985 for non-payment of bills. Two years later she sold it for around £2.5 million.

It is understood that a company bought the building and undertook renovations costing millions of pounds. The green marble flooring was flown from Italy and the grand conservatory that rises over two floors to a 90ft

atrium was built to link the main house to two mews houses at the back. The sumptuous furnishings, Sienna marble fireplaces, cornices, antique mahogany doors and the Louis XV carpets, however, are not original to the house and do not create an environment in which everyday calamities of family life can unfold.

Eaton Square was designed and built between 1825 and 1853 by the master builder Thomas Cubitt, who also built the east front of Buckingham Palace and Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, for Queen Victoria. His buildings were designed as family homes.

Many of the houses have been divided into flats and few bear any resemblance inside to the comfortable homes envisaged by Cubitt.

The fine furniture is part of the past, the modern touches mixing well but in a cold, rather than a homely, manner. The panelled billiard room is breath-taking but you cannot imagine a game upsetting the perfect placing of the balls and cues.

The new owner might worry about stilts heels marking the parquet de Versailles oak flooring in the drawing room and the smell of burnt toast does not mingle with the state-

of-the-art kitchen, which has a commercial food lift to the dining room as well as a ceiling randomly studded with tiny "star" lights.

The swimming pool complex is spectacular and has Westmoreland slate flooring with antique mirrors and a stone frieze creating a palazzo feel. But the two life-size Neptune figures on the wall stare down at any who dare to disturb the peace. Even the bedrooms cannot be described as the sort of haven where most couples would like to escape the outside world, looking more like hotel rooms than retreats. The en-suite bathroom is in Cretio Italia, a rare light grey marble.

A wonderful residence, a substitute for a hotel, but a home, never. The new owner will, however, save thousands of pounds in rates and instead pay £195 in poll tax to Westminster council.

A spokeswoman for Lloyd Webber said he had spent only a few days in the house since buying it last year. "He bought it originally to use as the production base for filming *Phantom of the Opera*. But the film will probably be made somewhere in Eastern Europe and he no longer needs such a large house. He never felt it was a real home."



The selection panel for the Summer Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London studies a work submitted for inclusion. Thousands of would-be exhibits will pass fleetingly before them. Pictured are (from left): Ian Stephenson, Roger de Grey, Anthony Green, Michael Kenny and Sir Sidney Nolan

Dissent and devious play on the polo pitch

By Paul Wilkinson

QUESTIONS over the parental background of a soccer referee or the necessity for him to consult his oculist are an everyday feature of football. Cricket, too, has been touched by the Mike Gatting approach to umpiring decisions, but it now seems that even the most gentlemanly pursuit of polo is being debased by dissent and devious play.

The sport given to the Western world by officers and gentlemen of the British Raj is under attack from unruly elements

within, according to Major Ronald Ferguson, polo manager to the Prince of Wales. Foul language, gamesmanship and abuse of the umpire are creeping in, the major, who is chairman of the Umpires Committee of the governing Hurlingham Polo Association, says.

"This unsatisfactory state of affairs must not be allowed to continue," Major Ferguson writes in *Horses and Hound* magazine. He says the association will "stand no nonsense". The umpires themselves are partly to blame, he says.

Some from South America take an attitude which is far "too casual" while their British colleagues occasionally allow themselves to be intimidated. Colonel Robert French-Blake, chief executive of the Guards Polo Club at Smith's Lawn in the Royal grounds of Windsor Great Park, said the problem lay with increased pressures in the sport.

"There is a lot of money from sponsors invested in polo these days, especially at the highest level of high-goal polo. So there is a lot of incentive to be on the winning side," he said.



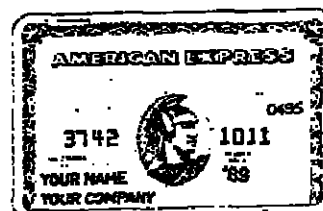
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Vote to cut abortions to 22 weeks predicted

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Anti-abortion campaigners predicted yesterday that a reduction in the legal time limit to at least 22 weeks is a "certainty" in tonight's series of Commons votes on the issue. They gave a pledge to let their unrelenting campaign drop until after the next general election if they succeed in lowering the limit beyond 24 weeks.

Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, called for an investigation into how hundreds of plastic "fetuses" were sent to MPs over the weekend by anti-abortion campaigners.

As both sides mobilized for a voting marathon, beginning at 11 pm tonight, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Conservative MP for Maidstone, said that a thorough canvass of MPs revealed that "comfortably more than 300" favoured a 22-week limit. "Twenty weeks is a possibility but not a probability. Twenty-two weeks looks like a certainty."

Miss Widdecombe said that her campaign had contacted all MPs, except those who were known to be hardline opponents. Most had sent back statements with signatures, the others had been personally interviewed. "It comes out at a fairly large majority for 22 weeks," she said. Some 75 per cent had responded to a question on whether they would be present for the voting and the overwhelming majority of those had said they would.

Lower limit 'a danger to women'

A GROUP of Britain's leading obstetricians and gynaecologists issued a warning today that the proposed reduction in the upper time limit on abortion to below 24 weeks' gestation would endanger the health of some women (Thomson Prentice writes).

Twenty-five specialists, including 12 professors, say in a letter to *The Times* that such a move would force some women to continue a pregnancy in the face of a serious threat to their health, or in spite of a grave abnormality in the fetus. MPs could vote in favour of the proposal tonight. "Gynaecologists need to retain the discretion they currently have to perform late abortion on the relatively rare occasions when this is necessary," the specialists say.

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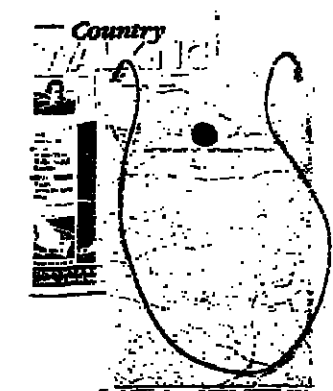
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Battler for unborn is happy to use shock tactics

MRS Phyllis Bowman, a veteran anti-abortion campaigner, relishes the flinches among MPs and the public at her somewhat macabre method of lobbying (Lin Jenkins writes).

In promoting the cause of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child (SPUC) in the present round of the abortion debate, she has had life-size models of a 20-week-old fetus sent to MPs. The move was typical of Mrs Bowman's uncompromising style. There is no room for thoughts that people might be squeamish or offended. Their response simply proves that they had imagined a fetus to be something other than the "technical term" for a baby.

Opponents see the tactics of fundamentalist fervour. Indeed, Mrs Bowman, now 64, and a founder member of the society in 1967, has the hallmarks of the fundamentalist. As a childless, and infertile, Roman Catholic, she would appear to come from the traditional recruitment ground for anti-abortionists.

However, it is a charge she dismisses with glee. "At the beginning," she says, "I was living in sin and I was agnostic. There was not a Catholic among us when we began."

She was living with Mr Gerry Bowman, a fellow journalist, "a roast-beef man and pale pink Tory", whom she had met when she was 26. The man she calls "Gerry one" died of an old RAF injury five months after their eventual marriage and she is now married to "Jerry two". Mr Jerry Canty, a society campaigner and British Telecom engineer.

She has cited from many a platform her early experiences to show that she is no "iron-bound moralist". It was while she was writing on medical topics that her involvement with the first big survey into stillbirths and infant death led to the setting up of the society. Gradually, it took over and in the late 1970s she abandoned journalism.

Quite where her zeal comes



Mrs Phyllis Bowman, the veteran anti-abortion campaigner, showing models of what she claims to be a 20-week fetus (left) and a 23 to 24-week fetus

from is difficult to define. Perhaps the experience of a spontaneous miscarriage that rendered her infertile, coupled with having shared the raising of a child who was not hers but her sister's, formed part of the picture. Possibly, the personal outlook and need that led her to convert to Roman Catholicism played a part.

She has always traded on the emotive. Her remarks are designed to shock. "People accepted the slaughter of the

Jews, that did not make it right," she says, and on pregnancy in rape, "abortion after rape is the body being assaulted for the second time."

Leaflets are equally direct. A photograph of a disarming baby in the womb at 18 weeks was a pivot of the campaign for many years, despite complaints that the fetus was older.

One adversary says: "She can always go one better than you. If you have done this, she

has done that, and if you find an example of something awful, she always comes back with something on the other side."

The aim is to make abortion illegal. The practical method is the "salami tactic" of slicing away at abortion legislation. Models of a fetus may be in danger of attracting ridicule rather than promoting debate, but Mrs Bowman welcomes the controversy as a sign of success.

Choice lobby is staying cool in face of fire

By Lin Jenkins

THOSE who support a woman's right to choose have avoided the temptation to enter a battle of words, or grotesque images, with the anti-abortion lobby.

Comfortable with the current legislation and the way it is operated and monitored, they believe that the shock tactics of the Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child will do little to damage their cause.

The raging debate of the 1980s, when their message was of appalling cases of women having babies against their will or resorting to home-made methods of abortion that resulted in dreadful mutilation, has long subsided.

Mr Ian Jones, director of the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, which conducts about a third of the abortions outside the NHS, said: "Our approach is really to stay out of the debate and continue to meet women's needs. It sounds very woolly in light of the plastic fetus syndrome, but we are dealing with the real world. There is really no middle ground on which to debate this issue with them. They simply plan to chip away at the legislation until there is nothing left and abortion is illegal."

The main proposal to be debated in the Commons, that of reducing the legal cut-off date for abortion from 28 weeks to 24, was, he believed, spurious. Out of more than 160,000 abortions in 1988 just 23 took place after 24 weeks, and 19 of those were because the fetus was abnormal.

"In practice, there is a limit being operated at 24 weeks anyway," Mr Jones said. "It is pointless to change the law and we have to maintain sensible exceptions. One of the reasons we have so many late terminations in this country is because of the in-built delays in the system."

Mr Jones takes a reasoned and factual approach, and says: "Evangelical zeal is traditionally a trait of those who want to change things. Their emotive campaign stems from

absolute beliefs. We do not believe there is anything absolute, you have to be flexible. The methods they use in the campaign are a little dated simply because the vast majority in this country support the Abortion Act.

"For us to start raising the arguments of 21 years ago about backstreet abortionists and the like would have little relevance now."

Mrs Jane Roe, co-ordinator of the Pro Choice Alliance, said there was a danger of forgetting that the alternative to termination was an unwanted baby who would grow up to adulthood. Since the law had operated successfully for many years, the main arguments in its favour no longer existed in the form they once did. Gone were the thousands of women who had children against their will, and were either compelled to bring them up, regardless of their means and needs, or forced to abandon them at birth.

"We are not living in an ideal world where people can get pregnant, carry on and have the baby and then everything is okay," she said. "There are an awful lot of women who have benefited from the legislation and are glad to have had the choice."

"It is our policy to avoid emotional arguments. When the debate takes that turn you don't get women to alter the way they behave, you merely make them feel worse."

Mrs Roe said: "You have to consider the mothers, they have rights too, and it does not help to get people's feelings whipped up by pictures of tiny little feet in the womb or bizarre models."

Mrs Diane Munday, aged 59, a mother of three who has for many years debated in public against anti-abortionists, feels it is difficult to argue against those whose views are founded in religious belief. "Obviously those who want change are going to be more vociferous, but if they think they occupy the moral high ground they are mistaken," she said.

The Commons debate on embryo research

Clarke sees a basic question of right or wrong

THE present law does not prevent embryo experiments and therefore scientists could legally undertake any research for any purpose, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, told MPs yesterday.

Opening a Commons debate, he said that researchers could attempt to create hybrids between human and The House was debating an amendment to the Bill which would ban all embryo research. MPs will have a free vote. The House of Lords has already voted in favour of research on embryos up to 14 days old.

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Mr Clarke said that the issue to be decided was whether or not research being done in this country on human embryos should be allowed to continue. That required a decision on the fundamental question of right and wrong.

The debate would deal with basic moral issues on which many strong and widely differing views were held and it was incumbent on MPs to examine the issue closely, calmly and rigorously before each individual decided as a matter of conscience which way to vote.

At an earlier stage he had said that the legislative position on embryo research was unsatisfactory. Since then he had been asked why it was unsatisfactory.

"In short it is the fact that there is no law at all on the subject. Researchers may legally undertake any research they wish and for any purpose they wish. For example, they could attempt to create hybrids between human and animals or clone individuals legally."

The fact that such experiments were not being done was simply because of the sense of responsibility of scientists and clinicians in following voluntary guidelines laid down by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

The present position, therefore, was that embryo research was lawful. The intention of the legislation was to apply new legal constraints on embryo research, either by

prohibiting it altogether or by permitting it in certain, closely specified circumstances under a statutory system of licensing and control.

So that the House would have the same opportunity as had the House of Lords to debate all aspects of the issue the Government had tabled a number of amendments which, if passed, would reverse the decision taken by the Lords.

That would mean that licences could be issued for treatment services and for the storage of gametes and embryos, but not for research. Human embryo research in this country would then become unlawful.

The Government took no collective stance on the rights or wrongs of embryo research. The presence of gene or chromosome abnormalities in embryos had an opportunity to debate the matter fully. Central to the debate was the question of when a human being came into existence. There was a strongly held belief that the moment the egg was penetrated by the sperm human life started and should be accorded the same status as a child or adult human being. It should not therefore be subjected to research.

Others took the view that penetration of the egg by the sperm did not have the same special significance. Their argument was that it was 30 hours before cell differentiation commenced and it was 14 days before it was possible to ascertain which cells would become the fetus and which the placenta.

This stage was known as the "primitive streak" and the argument was that up to this point research should be permitted. "My view is that this is the critical point of the whole debate. Is the embryo before emergence of the primitive streak a sufficient human personality to be protected by law against risk of perishing as

Mailed fetus models 'should be sent back'

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) suggested that Sir Geoffrey Howe, leader of the House, as chairman of the services committee, should investigate the sending through the post to all MPs of fetus-like models.

Mr Timothy Devlin (Stockton South, C) said that at 9 o'clock this morning half the floor-space of the Commons Post Office had been taken up with parcels the size of large shoe boxes containing grotesque models which had been mailed to all MPs.

These had been opened by MPs but in some cases by female secretaries and research assistants, some of whom had suffered miscarriages and other problems relating to children. It

was a result of a research programme?

For his part, he could not accept that the early embryo was a human personality, with which he could identify a person to whom the criminal law must give protection. He was influenced by the tiny size of the embryo and by the undoubted fact that a high proportion of embryos at this stage perished naturally in any event.

Those in favour of research argued that it could promote advances in the treatment of infertility, increase knowledge about the causes of congenital disease and knowledge about the causes of miscarriage.

It could develop more effective techniques of contraception and more effective methods for detecting the presence of gene or chromosome abnormalities in embryos before implantation.

There was a gulf which could not be bridged in the end between those who could not countenance research on human embryos and those who believed that, with proper controls, it could be justified.

He had never made any secret of his own views. The emergence of a human being from cells that carried the potential for life was a continuous process. He did not think there was a single moment at which he found himself able to say easily that a human life, the life of a citizen, an individual human being, actually began.

As a lawyer, he believed that the law should begin to give full protection to life and limb at a very much later stage than the emergence of the primitive streak. "That stage seems the logical stage at which to give the potential human being protection against being the subject of research."

"As long as embryo research is done openly and within the framework of strict statutory controls, such as laid down in this Bill, the benefits which are

was grossly offensive and distasteful. He asked for instructions to be issued so that it did not happen again and that the models which had arrived should be sent back (Some cheers and protests).

The Speaker said that he had received many complaints and had a letter from the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms saying that the parcels had been stamped and therefore had to be taken in. Some had been accepted by MPs and some not, and the latter would be sent back.

Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, Lib Dem) said that it was the legitimate right of any citizen to lobby their MP and that right had to be upheld.

handicap. The recent breakthrough at Hammersmith Hospital, where doctors have discovered ways of detecting male and female genes and can use the information to prevent handicap, was a world first. Had the research been banned, as opponents wanted, then the happy mothers and husbands would have been denied this chance.

The responsibility upon MPs in this debate was very heavy. The Lords had shown the way by voting three-to-one for research to continue under controlled conditions. They said that research should be beneficial in the future and should be creative rather than destructive.

Mr Kenneth Clarke: What is his position where, for example, the sex of an embryo has been established and there is a genetic disorder that can be suffered by a male and not by a female? Does he accept that a female should be re-implanted and a male allowed to perish?

Sir Bernard Braine: I am not going to be drawn. We are dealing with a question of life or death.

IVF would continue whether or not there was a ban on research. The 1989 report of the Interim Licensing Authority had said that there had been substantial improvements in the efficiency of IVF through better methods of regulating the development of eggs and simpler procedures for their collection. He was advised that research could be carried out on sperm and egg rather than on killing and disposing of embryos.

"We are often led to believe by numerous newspaper articles and television that IVF is a tried and tested procedure which can guarantee parents who may be at risk that they can have a normal child. That is a cruel deceit. I say that in full knowledge of the facts. The pro-experimentation lobby are not able to name a single genetic disease treatment which has been helped by embryo research."

Lady Warrack had said when her report was published that 14 days would do for a start. They were being led to legislate for a beginning. There was no great success to be achieved in the first 14 days. After that, maybe, but then they were in a different ballgame.

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Subtle lesson in tolerance at heart of race dispute

The Government's decision to uphold the right of white parents to move their children from schools with a high proportion of Asian or black children has raised concern about racism in classrooms. Sally Brompton visited the school at the centre of the controversy

THE children of the Abingdon Road infants' school in Middlesbrough were engrossed in their morning's lesson. In groups of three and four they were trying to figure out how to turn sheets of newspaper into carrier bags.

The task involved a considerable amount of thumb-sticking and trial and error. It was, however, more than a test of enterprise; it was part of the school's policy to teach children to work and play together, whatever their race or culture.

The children arrived for the first day of term yesterday morning, skipping along the pavement in groups that had nothing to do with racial segregation. A small blonde girl held hands with her Asian best friend. Parents arrived with teams of children across the racial mix: the majority of the pupils are Pakistani-Asian but there are also children from Malaya, Somalia, Afghanistan, Russia, Libya and the Ukraine.

The children in the carrier bag project were too young to appreciate the subtle form of tolerance tuition, but it was a poignant postscript to the fact that Abingdon Road infants' is at the heart of the Government's decision to support white parents who choose to take their children out of schools with large numbers of black and Asian pupils.

While education authorities consider the long-term implications of what has been described by community relations experts as "the first step to educational apartheid in Britain", the parents and teachers are concerned about the immediate effects on the children in their care.

"I do think we have to work at ensuring that our children respect and are tolerant of others and I do believe an understanding of different religions and different cultures is important," Mrs Barbara Hudson, headmistress at the school, said. "I can think of nothing worse for children than listening to us talking about Christmas when they have no understanding of what it is."

Mrs Hudson has suffered months of sleepless nights over the case which revolves around Katrice Carney, aged five, whose mother demanded that she be moved to another school after she went home singing a nursery rhyme in Punjabi. The headmistress said the incident, which occurred around harvest festival of 1987, was the result of the spontaneous reaction of one of the children who joined in with the Punjabi version of *One potato, two potatoes*.

"It is not our job to instil into the children any one culture or religion," Mrs Hudson said. "That is the parents' job. The majority of work we do on religion and culture is in teaching the children how to deal with being angry or cross, which all helps to bring about tolerance and self-image."

The parents of the 240 children aged between three and seven — of whom 60 per cent belong to ethnic minorities — are supportive of her attitude towards encouraging multiracial education. They take their problems to her

which, until yesterday morning, she said wryly, consisted mainly of the poll tax.

"They ask me for help and I find it for them and that is what I see is the role of our school," Mrs Hudson said.

Mrs Ulfia Raman, aged 34, who has four children, came to Britain from Pakistan 15 years ago. She believes that a mother should have the right to choose where her child goes to school and is not worried that the decision will cause racism in the classrooms. "I like a school where my children are in the majority but I don't see this causing white parents to take their children away from schools."

After 22 years in Britain Mr Wajid Ali, aged 60, a Pakistani-born shop owner, is not so sure. With his own two children grown up he is concerned about the education of his grandson, aged three.

"We are worried that the Government's decision will cause racial unrest and stir up trouble among the extremists," he said. "My children went to a school where the majority were white and that was fine by me."

"I wanted them to have an education which would enable them to succeed in the society in which they live. My wife and I taught them about their cultural background — that is not something I expected to happen to them at school."

Ms Caroline Fletcher, aged 23, attended Abingdon Road Junior School and her son Leigh, aged four, will start at the infants' school next January. He is the only white child at his nursery school and has a Pakistani teacher, which does not worry his mother.

"I have lived in this area all my life and there have always been coloured people here," Ms Fletcher said. Her ambition for Leigh and her daughter, Danielle, aged two, is for them to have a better education than the one she had.

Since the Cleveland education authority reluctantly agreed to move Katrice Carney to another school after lawyers assured them the legislation demanded it under the 1980 Education Act, Mr Alan Calderwood, chief education officer, has insisted on seeing any request from parents who want their children moved and which might have racial implications.

"On the one hand, one wants a reasonable degree of parental preference but on the other hand there must be some safeguards against racial prejudice being pursued under the excuse of parental preference," he said.

Mr Duncan McReddie, chairman of education, said: "I think it is a particularly short-sighted decision and I wonder whether the ministers and civil servants understand the implications of what they are saying. The potential consequences are that where you have overtly racist parents they will admit to segregating their children from their peer group on the basis of colour and in cases like Tower Hamlets that would be a very worrying possibility."

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£300,000 'deposit' for Jaguar XJ220

By Paul Wilkinson

AN ANONYMOUS motorist has spent £300,000 for the privilege of a place on the waiting list for one of the world's most sought-after performance cars. The money will merely give him the chance to pay the £350,000-plus purchase price when the vehicle is finally delivered sometime in 1992.

The 200-mph Jaguar XJ220 has yet to enter full production but the rarity of the luxury model has been assured by the manufacturers' decision to build only 350 examples. Rare car specialists around the world are falling over each other to have one.

One of them, a Japanese electronics billionaire, aged 37, has now ensured his ownership by buying the option held by a City of London businessman. This expensive queue-jumping has thwarted efforts by Jaguar to cut out the black market which springs up around such a vehicle.

The car-makers set up a vetting process to check the 1,400 genuine offers to purchase in the hope that the cars would go to real enthusiasts instead of speculators. Of the 350 cars to be built, 100 were reserved for British buyers with the rest going abroad.

The deal was organized by Mr Tom Hartley, a Midlands rare car specialist dealer, who was told by the Japanese enthusiast's representative in London to find him a Jaguar XJ220 "at any price". Mr Hartley said: "I have never done a deal when someone has been willing to part with £300,000 just as a deposit and still wait two years before he gets the car."

"The Japanese gentleman is a car enthusiast who already has a collection of Lamborghinis and Ferraris and sees the Jaguar as an addition to the collection as well as a long-term investment. Money is clearly no object to him; whether the car is worth the price is another matter."

Jaguar said they hoped that all the cars would go to genuine Jaguar enthusiasts who would keep them and use them as collectors' items. The first production prototype of the XJ220, powered by a V6 engine which will take the car from 0-60 in just four seconds, is expected to undertake road tests in July.



Captain Natasha Averina, aged 33, a Moscow policewoman with responsibility for prostitution, seeing London yesterday with Woman Police Constable Noreen O'Neill, of the Street Police station. Captain Averina appears in a BBC television documentary on prostitutes in the Soviet Union to be screened tomorrow in the *Inside Story* series. Soviet police say more than 10,000 prostitutes work in Moscow and that young girls are tempted by the money that can be made.

Holly relics fail to move bidders

A BIG collection of Buddy Holly memorabilia had a mixed reception from rock enthusiasts in a £36,355 sale at Phillips in London yesterday (John Shaw writes).

The two main lots, a grey mohair suit worn on *Sunday Night at the London Palladium* in 1958 and one of his guitars, failed to reach their reserves. The guitar, another

souvenir of Holly's British tour and sent in by the entertainer Des O'Connor, had been estimated at £40,000. Phillips was hoping to sell the suit afterwards for about £15,000 against an estimate of £30,000 to £40,000.

A collection owned by Mr David Howery included such items as a high-school spelling test, which was bought for

Judge apologizes over criticism of solicitors' firm

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A CROWN Court judge yesterday took the rare step of issuing a public apology for critical remarks he made about a leading firm of London solicitors.

Judge Stable, QC, said that he regretted any stain on the reputation of the firm, Offenbach and Co, which he accused last year of "extortion" and unprofessional conduct after it charged a client £2,500. He said at the time that the case could have been dealt with more cheaply at a magistrates' court.

Yesterday, at Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, where he has been senior circuit judge since 1982, Judge Stable said: "The whole matter has now been investigated thoroughly and it is clear that my accusations were entirely unwarranted and should not have been made. I now wish to make it crystal clear that my accusations were unjustified."

The judge, aged 67, said that he accepted that the West End solicitors had behaved in a "proper and professional manner throughout" and concurred with the findings of the Law Society's adjudication committee, which investigated the matter and cleared Offenbach of any impropriety.

At the hearing, last August, Offenbach advised an acc-

ountant charged with gross indecency to seek a Crown Court trial and said that his defence costs, which he was meeting himself, would be about £2,500. However, just before the trial, the man changed his plea to guilty.

Judge Stable said that it was "a gross piece of extortion" to require £2,500 from the man to arrange his defence on a plea of guilty "or even not guilty". The Law Society said yesterday that it trusted that "judges will in future refrain from such criticism of solicitors".

Judge Stable made his comments last year a few weeks after a statement had been issued on behalf of the presiding judges to the effect that solicitors should be given the opportunity to be heard if they are to be criticized in open court. The statement was issued in the wake of criticism of a legal firm by Mr Justice Henry.

His comments were raised with the Lord Chancellor's Department by the Law Society and by Offenbach.

Simultaneously, Judge Stable lodged a complaint against the firm with the Solicitors Complaints Bureau, but the adjudication committee cleared the firm of any unprofessional conduct.

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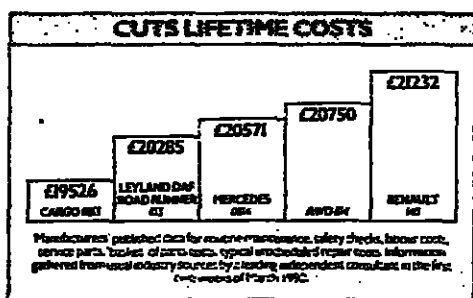
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Peers seek inquiry over 'bad flaws' in research figures

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

FIGURES used by Mrs Thatcher and her ministers on the Government's spending on research and development are badly flawed, a House of Lords committee discloses today. It says that in spite of ministerial assurances, Britain is falling further behind industrial competitors in developing new technologies.

In addition, up to half the Ministry of Defence's £2.3 billion research and development budget might be "misdescribed". It urges a National Audit Office inquiry to uncover the true figures.

Suspicious over the past 10 years about the Government statistics provoked the influential Tory-dominated committee to investigate the way research and development budgets are defined. It said that after two reports showing Britain was lagging behind competitors, Mrs Thatcher had insisted that spending was at "a record level".

On February 19, 1987, she told the Commons: "United Kingdom Government-funded civilian research and development as a proportion of national output exceeds the level in Japan and the United

States." Mr Robert Jackson, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, and Lord Cailhness, Paymaster General, have also said that Britain's spending is in line with other developed nations.

The peers' investigation concludes, however, that their use of international comparisons gives "a false sense of security" because they include defence spending. "The major lesson from this review of definitions of R & D is therefore the disturbing conclusion that, as a nation, we are investing too little in civil R & D and the situation is getting worse."

The committee chairman Lord Carver, former Chief of the Defence Staff, said: "The Government itself agrees that industry does not spend enough on R & D and yet when ministers are asked questions they quote figures showing everything is all right by including defence."

The report urges Britain to adopt internationally agreed definitions of research and development. At stake, it says, is Britain's survival as a leading industrial nation.

The key criticism by the committee focuses on the fig-

ures given in the defence research budget, which accounts for about half the Government's research and development spending. "MoD include in that all activities, whether innovative or not, which precede actual production," the committee says.

For instance, the MoD said it spent £1.516 billion on industrial research and development in 1985, whereas industry said it received £1.012 billion. The report suggests a better guide to competitiveness would be to list total civil research and development spending by Government and industry as a proportion of gross domestic product. "On this basis the place of the UK in relation to our main competitors is low and declining."

The latest figures from the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development found that the UK was the only country where growth in research and development expenditure was lower than that in GDP.

Definitions of R & D (House of Lords science and technology select committee, 3rd report, Stationery Office, £4.50).

Peak performance for Third World charity

ERIC WHITEHEAD



HUGH Symonds, a fell runner training in the Lake District (above), steps out today on the sixth day of his monumental charity run. He is aiming to scale about 300 of Britain's highest mountains in less than 100 days for charity. Symonds, aged 37, a teacher,

from Sedburgh, Cumbria, hopes to run 1,360 miles — the equivalent of 15 Everests — in an attempt to raise £100,000 for Intermediate Technology, the Third World development organization.

The Prince of Wales, who is patron

of the organization, has written to the athlete encouraging him in his attempt to conquer all the peaks in the British Isles above 3,000ft.

The gruelling trek will be undertaken on foot except for sea crossings to Skye and Mull. He started his

journey at Ben Hope in northern Scotland and plans to finish on the summit of Snowdon in north Wales. The Mountains of Britain challenge will take Symonds to 227 Scottish mountains, four in Cumbria and 15 in Wales.

Safety inspectors extend life of two nuclear reactors

By Peter Davenport

CALDER Hall, the world's first industrial-size nuclear power station, is to be allowed to continue operating long after its original life expectancy, the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate disclosed yesterday.

After assessing a long-term safety review the agency said it had not identified any features that might preclude safe operations until the station was in its 40th year, twice the initial forecast. The operator, British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), though, is to undertake "substantial" work to ensure continued safe operation at the reactor in Cumbria.

The report by the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) on the safety of the Calder Hall and Chapelcross stations, published yesterday, listed nine key requirements

to be completed on eight reactors. Chapelcross, in Dumfries and Galloway, is also to be allowed to continue operations until it reaches the same age. It is estimated that the improvements to both stations could cost £10-£20 million and must be completed within 18 months.

When the two Magnox stations were built, Calder Hall in 1956 and Chapelcross three years later, it was assumed they would have useful lives of at least 20 years.

Mr Eddy Ryder, Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, said yesterday that the review had reinforced the original safety case for the stations. "Neither BNFL nor NII has identified any life-limiting feature which might have precluded safe operation of the reactors up to an age of 40 years."

Calder Hall supplies power to the neighbouring Sellafield complex and the national grid as well as producing weapons-grade plutonium. Chapelcross is the only producer of tritium, the trigger for Britain's nuclear weapons. Eleven Magnox stations were built, but two, one in Gloucestershire and one in Ayrshire, have been closed.

British Nuclear Fuels is said to have already undertaken substantial modifications during the review. The report said that the performance of all the reactors at the two power stations had been good except for an incident when fuel overheated in one channel of a reactor at Chapelcross in 1967, which led to some operational changes.

Among the work required to be undertaken by British Nuclear Fuels are improvements in protection systems and safeguards against external, natural hazards such as high winds and earthquakes. The report says that the reactor shutdown and cooling systems continue to meet the original safety requirements but, as a result of the review, British Nuclear Fuels will bring the systems up to more modern standards.

The report also says that although radiation doses at Calder Hall and Chapelcross for both workers and the public in the vicinity are within statutory limits, workers' doses are "slightly higher" than at other Magnox stations. The programme to reduce the dose levels will be reviewed annually with the inspectorate.

The operator is also to introduce a system of through-wall inspection of the reactor pressure vessels and to improve the effectiveness of leak detection equipment. The report on Calder Hall and Chapelcross is the fourth in a series that will cover all the Magnox stations.

The inspectorate says it has not been able to accept the long term safety review "un- equivocally" but only on condition that the required work is completed to an agreed programme. "Though we are agreeing to continued operation of both Calder Hall and Chapelcross, it does not follow that the other, younger Magnox stations will also be allowed to continue operation beyond 30 years."

"There are considerable differences in the designs and operating regimes of the stations which do not allow conclusions on the safety of one station to apply automatically to the other stations."

Call for cut in Lakes road traffic

The Friends of the Lake District proposed radical measures to reduce road traffic in the area yesterday.

In a report on road management, they say that the problem cannot be met by continually accommodating traffic demands.

Measures they call for include restricting parking spaces, limiting the use of some roads to access only, keeping buses off side roads and introducing one-way systems on some narrow roads.

Banner charges

Colin Moran, aged 32, and Nathan Edwards, 23, who unfurled a "Troops Out" banner at the London Marathon, were remanded on bail by Bow Street magistrates until May 14 on charges of harassment and insulting behaviour.

Addict jailed

Shaun Russell, aged 24, of Islington, north London, was jailed for 20 years at the Central Criminal Court, after admitting robbing four shops to help fund his addiction to the drug "crack".

Snail farm fire

Animal Rights campaigners were blamed for starting a fire at Manor Farm, Colby, Norfolk, which caused £70,000 of damage — after "liberating" 12,000 snails.

Murder remand

David Voke was remanded in custody for a month by magistrates in Chichester, West Sussex, charged with murdering his wife, Cheryl, a mother of two, who was found strangled at their home in the town.

Windfall hunt

Police are hunting a man who was filmed by a security camera pocketing £100 left in a "hole-in-the-wall" cash dispenser in Newbury, Berkshire, by a previous customer.

Drugs on beach

Customs officers in Orkney have found 70 kilos of cannabis resin, with a street value of £250,000, washed ashore on the west coast of Orkney.

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Highland foresters win the green laurels

A GROUP which dreams of restoring the Great Wood of Caledon, the ancient forest that once covered the Highlands of Scotland, is the winner of this year's £5,000 Environment Award, jointly sponsored by *The Times* and *PM*, BBC Radio 4's evening news programme.

Readers and listeners gave the award to Ron Greer and the Loch Garry Tree Group, whose tree-planting in all weathers, including snow, is proving that the dream can be realized.

The group believes that Scotland's most cherished landscapes, the bare heather-clad hills of the Highlands, are really a monument to environmental failure, and are attempting to restore the broadleaved woodlands of alder, birch and rowan that covered them for thousands of years until they were cut down by man.

The group's success in growing thousands of trees at an altitude of 1,400ft on the shores of Loch Garry, in Perthshire, has proved that it is only the grazing by sheep and red deer that prevents the ancient forest from returning.

Yesterday Mr Greer, a fisheries researcher, who founded the group, was delighted at the news of success. "It proves that the public realizes that what happens to our last great wildernesses, such as those in the Highlands, is a core issue," he said. "The importance

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Your votes are helping to make a dream of restoring the familiar and cherished heather-clad hills of Scotland to broad-leaved woodland come true, reports

Michael McCarthy

of the Highlands is out of all scale to the small population which lives there."

The £5,000 prize money would be used as pump-priming to obtain further planting grants, he said, especially those given by the Forestry Commission for the new native pinewoods.

Mr Greer said: "It's wonderful

to have won. I woke up this morning in a really good mood and by 11.30 I had caught an 8½lb salmon in the River Tummel — so I knew it was going to be a good day." Second place went to the Kirkstall Valley Campaign, an action group on the edge of Leeds trying to ensure that the partly derelict, but richly green, valley of the River Aire is redeveloped in a sensitive way, according to the wishes of local people.

Third was Mrs Janet White, a hill farmer in the Quantocks in Somerset, who looks after a rich heritage of wildlife as well as her sheep.

They were followed by Mr Bob Hopkins, a worker at the Conoco Oil Refinery at Immingham, on Humberside. He has created a nature reserve on refinery land used by local schools, while the children of the Hull Group of Watch, the junior wildlife club of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, are looking after Britain's largest colony of frogs.

The four runners-up will all receive prizes of £250 each, and the award will be presented by Dr Richard Leskey, head of the Kenyan Wildlife Service, at Broadcasting House on May 8.

Companies should be forced to clean up thousands of disused toxic waste and landfill sites, a conference at the House of Lords was told yesterday. The Govern-



High hopes: Ron Greer and the Loch Garry Tree Group working in the snow to restore the forests of Perthshire

ment's "Green" Bill concentrates too heavily on waste management instead of those who create it, said the Earl of Shannon.

Calling for a national policy on waste, he said that 850,000 commercial organizations in the United Kingdom are polluting our waters, air and soil. "The Bill seems to us to touch only margin-

ally on some of the most important aspects of these pollution problems... There are little or no substantial plans for the liability for thousands of landfill sites containing toxic waste that have been abandoned and left untreated."

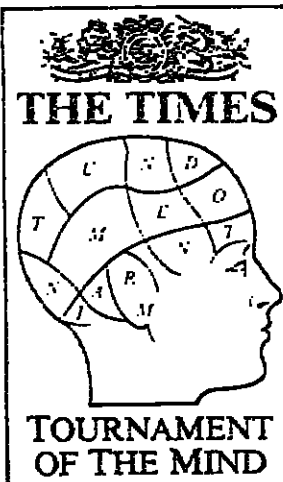
He called for remediation and recycling to remove eye-sores and

curb the demand for landfill sites.

At a conference hosted by the *Financial Times* in London, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, the junior environment minister, urged firms to publish statements spelling out their environmental policies. More information was vital, he said, if people were to be able to make informed choices.

"Business is already sensitive to the demand from consumers for green products. The prizes will go to those who follow, anticipate and even lead consumer preference for environmentally friendly goods and services," he said. "Those who do not will increasingly lose their competitive edge."

Tournament of the Mind



conundrums can masquerade as the most simple.

The final 10 school teams and the 110 finalists will meet the challenge using the same rules as had been used in the initial stage of the Tournament. Mensa has devised the questions using the *Collins English Dictionary* (second edition) and the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* (15th edition). The winning school team will be decided from the results of these five rounds. The individual finalists with the top 10 scores will take part in a timed play-off final in London on May 14.

The students are playing for a Hewlett Packard computer, a commemorative plaque and the kudos for their school. The individuals are playing for £5,000 and a trophy.

Only those who have been notified as finalists may enter the final rounds, using either the answer sheets forwarded or these coupons, but any other would-be Mensa candidates are welcome to try the questions for their own satisfaction.

The gauntlet has been thrown down and puzzle aficionados and first-timers alike are gearing up to do battle for the final five rounds of *The Times* Tournament of the Mind 1990. Those who had considered the initial 20-round stage too easy have since discovered that some of the most difficult

1 DIAGRAMS

The grid contains the letters that make up the title of a book written in 1902. One letter, however, is a dummy letter and is, therefore, not used. You must read the title from square to touching square. Who wrote the book?

B	D	I	A	N
T	R	N	T	I
O	H	B	R	A
S	E	E	I	I
A	S	H	S	T

2 VERBAL

This letter square is missing seven vowels and eight consonants. Complete the square using English words which read the same downwards as they do across.

V	O	I	C	E
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I	-	-	-	-
C	-	-	-	-
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3 LOGIC

What is the proverb you will find by breaking this code?

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4 MATHS

Four vehicles, each with the same number of wheels, are driven for two hours and then stopped. Vehicle A has a tyre radius of 45cm and travels at 80kph; vehicle B has a tyre radius of 25cm and travels at 44.4kph; vehicle C has a tyre radius of 70cm and travels at 122kph while vehicle D has a tyre diameter of 120cm and travels at 105kph. Which vehicle's wheels made the most revolutions in the two hours and how many revolutions did one of its wheels make?

MISCELLANY

What is the other name given to the Battle Above The Clouds, which took place in the 19th century?



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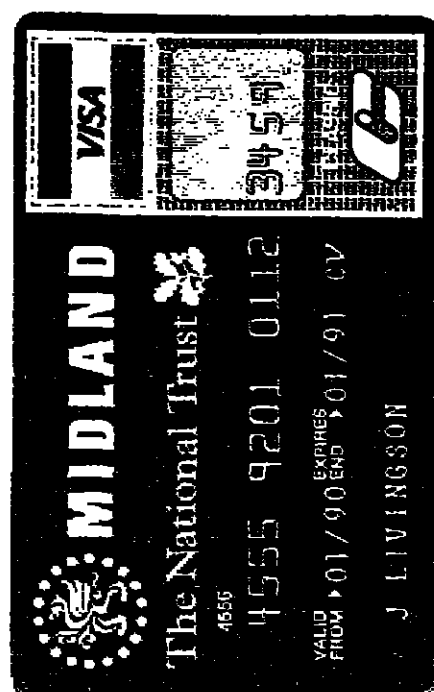
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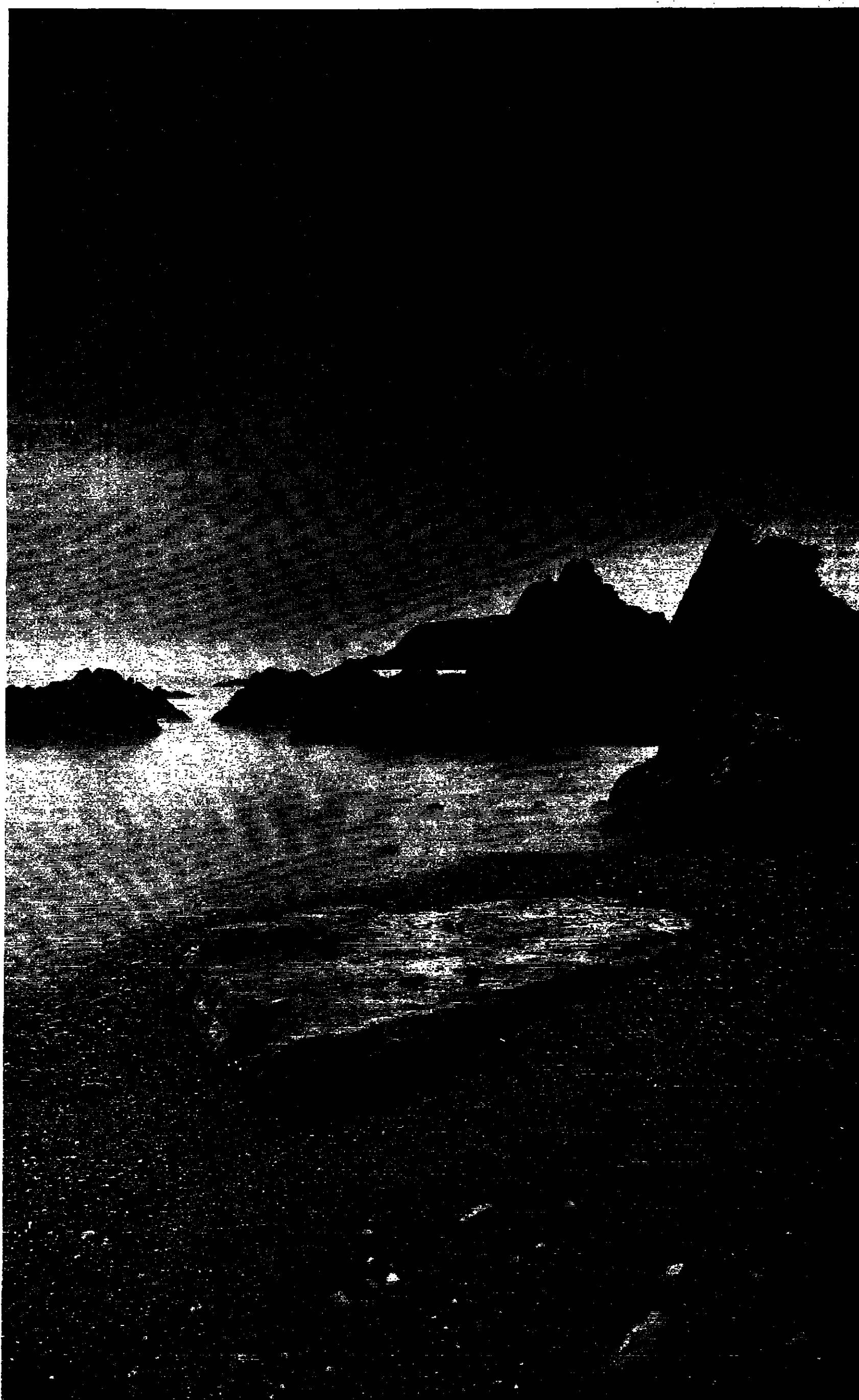
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Birmingham, the city where the builder still rules

IN MODERN Birmingham, with its hideous jumble of glass and steel skyscrapers, ring roads, overpasses and underpasses, surrounded by crumbling and unrepairable blocks of flats, it is hard to recall that this city was the model of local government for Britain, the empire and the world.

The radical politician Joseph Chamberlain transformed Birmingham in the nineteenth century with his schemes for municipal gas and water, slum clearance, street lighting, sanitation and secular schools.

Birmingham's local government was as economic as it was beneficial. Municipal gas, for instance, made the profit of £34,000 in the first year; it contributed to rate relief; and the price of gas was lowered twice in the first three years.

At the time of incorporation as a city in 1889, Birmingham was the model for the newly created Calcutta Corporation, with its largely Bengali electorate. The Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Sir Alexander Macleod, gave Birmingham in 1896 that Birmingham had certain advantages.

"In Birmingham", he said, "the population is homogeneous... The council there is composed entirely of shrewd, capable men of business, manufacturers, merchants, tradesmen and the like, whose one object is to treat every question before them not as an opportunity for speech-making, but as a matter to be settled as promptly as may be in the most practical way."

In those days, only property-holders paid rates, and only ratepayers had a vote in local government. That system continued until after the Second World War, when all adults were given the vote. The new poll tax means that, for the first

The immediate local election issues get a pounding out on the hustings - but often they have their roots deep in regional history. Richard West is touring the country looking for those roots and reports today from Birmingham, once a model of civic pride.

time, all those who can vote will have to pay the local tax.

The empire and imperial preferences kept Birmingham prosperous until after the Second World War, when India and then the rest of the Commonwealth became independent. The proud trademark "Made in Birmingham" lost its appeal as strikes and restrictive practices crippled the car industry and other trades.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, the energy that had once gone into manufacture went into property speculation and building. The council was taken over by the construction industry: engineers, architects, town planners and property developers, often working with the state and public relations consultants, as they were grandly called.

The rulers of Birmingham did their worst in the 1960s, pulling down thousands of old but sturdy terraced houses and forcing the occupants into poorly built, lonely and vandalized high-rise blocks. Fortunes were built out of the Bull Ring complex and other grandiose city centre developments, and from the ring roads and the Midland Line motorway system, including Spaghetti Junction.

Most of this building done in the 1960s is now cracked and crumbling. Several high-rise flats have already been pulled down.

The council has started to blow up blocks of flats. The Bull Ring complex is to be demolished and another built. The council has changed some underpasses into overpasses, and intends to "break the concrete collar" of the ring road encircling the city centre.

During the past five years, part of Chamberlain's Birmingham was flattened to make way for what is described as "the First UK Purpose Built Convention Centre To Rival Anything in the World", an immense folly worthy of Calcutta's Bhubaneswar or Maroo's Manila.

These post-war "developments" took place in a city whose industry and population were actually in decline. Tens of thousands of the indigenous population have left, to be replaced by immigrants from that former empire.

Many thousands of Bengalis now live in Birmingham, with Punjabis, Sikhs, Gujaratis and Kashmiris. Many are divided by political and religious feuds inherited from their homelands.

The West Indians, who were the first Commonwealth immigrants in the city, are beset by unemployment, partly because they cannot break the Irish monopoly on building sites. At last year's centenary of the city's incorporation, the Church of England tried to ingratiate itself with black people in Birmingham by staging a rally for Dr Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, at Aston Villa football ground.

Local black churches boycotted the rally because they dislike Dr Tutu's involvement in politics. The event lost £50,000 and had the resignation of the bishop who had conceived it.

Tories will have to wait

By Craig Seton

BIRMINGHAM, Britain's second largest city, is one of the prime electoral prizes on offer in the May local elections, but any Conservative Party ambitions of achieving a majority on the city council for the first time since 1984 will probably have to wait.

During the past six of almost eleven years of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's premiership, the Labour Party has been in control in Birmingham. It holds 67 of the 117 council seats. The Conservatives have 43, the Social and Liberal Democrats 6 and there is 1 independent.

Labour is defending 26 of the 39 seats, a third of the total, being contested next month. The Green Party is fielding candidates in each one. The Labour group is confident of retaining power. It believes that it will be the Government that will be punished at the ballot box for the poll tax - set at £406 - although the Conservative group says that it would be able to reduce it by £64 a head and still provide better services if it was returned to power.

The years in opposition have been particularly frustrating for the Conservatives because they have coincided with the emergence of the city

from the recession into a period of growth and regeneration the like of which has not been witnessed for 30 years. Much of it involves the city council working closely with the private sector. An estimated £2,000 million of redevelopment is either under way or designated for schemes to regenerate derelict land and build shopping and office complexes.

The Labour group, under the leadership of Sir Richard Knowles, a veteran party organizer with a bluff, no-nonsense approach, has endured considerable opposition from a left-wing caucus within its own ranks for its close working relationships with the private sector in regeneration schemes and for its commitment to the £150 million flagship development of the International Convention Centre, which opens next year.

The left-wing councillors said their leaders were abandoning socialism in the race to achieve for Birmingham a reputation as an international business city. However, a "loony left" label has never stuck in Birmingham.

All parties agree that the poll tax will dictate the outcome of next month's poll. The Conservatives believe that the Labour group is much more vulnerable than it suspects over the £406 charge it has set.

Family planning clinics 'being cut'

HEALTH authorities have planned to cut up to half their family planning clinics because of financial difficulties, the Labour Party said yesterday (Jill Sherman writes).

Ms Harriet Harman, Opposition health spokesman, has written to Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, calling for an urgent review.

She has also sent Mr Clarke a dossier of planned closures which show that many of the cuts will affect rural clinics and specialist youth centres aimed at helping to avoid unwanted teenage pregnancies. "Family planning is a vital health care service for women", she said.

"Cash-starved health authorities, anxious to keep hospitals and wards open, are picking family planning as a 'soft option' for the cuts." The dossier shows that every region in England has been affected.

Many reductions have already taken place because of financial difficulties in previous years. The dossier shows, for example, that Sheffield Health Authority cut its clinic sessions by 31 per cent last year and closed a quarter of its premises.

● The highpoint in competition for the environmentalist vote was over, the Labour party said yesterday, adding that the Government had given up attempts to capture the "green" vote (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Bryan Gould, shadow environment secretary, said that the Government had written off the environment vote as their fortunes had declined over the past few months.

Peers back down on loans

A Lords amendment allowing the Lords and the Commons to amend annual regulations on the amount of top-up loans available for students was finally rejected yesterday.

Peers voted not to insist on the amendment, already rejected by the Commons, by 119 votes to 58 - Government majority, 51.

Lord Belstead, Leader of the House, said that the amendment was a most unusual one. It would seriously complicate the Education (Student Loans) Bill. There would have to be machinery to resolve disagreement between Lords and Commons.

Parliamentary cash machines

Cash dispensing machines may be introduced into the House of Commons, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said at a question time yesterday. The proposal was being considered by a committee.

He told MPs that wider banking facilities were being considered in phase two of the new Parliament building, but he wanted to press ahead with a cash dispensing service.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said it was not only banking facilities, but also simple groceries that were needed.

Sir Geoffrey agreed that there was a case for extending facilities.

Defence job

Mr Moray Stewart, aged 51, at present a deputy secretary at the Ministry of Defence, is to be Second Permanent Secretary in succession to Mr Kenneth Macdonald, who retires in September.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment, Prime Minister, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill, committee, second day (amendments on time limits for abortions).

Lords (2.30): National Health Service and Community Care Bill, committee, second day.

House calls for driver's release

IRAQI 'GUNS'

MPs FROM all sides joined in urging the speedy release of Mr Paul Ashley, the Northampton lorry driver detained in Greece for alleged smuggling of part of an Iraqi supergun made in Britain.

Labour MPs shouted that he should be exchanged for Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, who has made the only Commons statement so far about the issue. Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on foreign affairs, suggested that Mr Ridley should go proxy for him.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign Office, gave details of help given to Mr Ashley by the British vice-consul in Athens, who had visited him and provided him with extra food and bedding.

Mr Michael Morris (Northampton South, C) said that that left a few questions unanswered: Why was his constituent's bail application refused? All the evidence given by United Kingdom representatives, particularly by diplomatic representatives and a representative of Customs and Excise emphasized Mr Ashley's innocence.

Why, having secured his release in Greece, and returned to Britain over Easter, had he seemingly been given clearance by Customs and Excise to go back with the furore surrounding the case.

The load could have been taken over by Customs and Excise in Greece, but Mr Ashley, seemingly, was being made a scapegoat. Why had he been told that an arrest, if it took place, would be a mere technicality.

"This is an innocent 'trucker' with a young family, doing a normal commercial job. If European Community matters mean anything, such an innocent party should be returned to the United Kingdom immediately."

Mr Waldegrave said that his information was that Mr Ashley had been advised by his lawyer not to apply for bail at that stage. Obviously he should go for bail at the stage at which he had the best chance of getting it.

Mr Steve Gann of Customs and Excise Investigation Service, who was in Athens, had already told the Greek magistrate that in his view Mr Ashley was not knowingly associated with that offence.

"I associate myself with that." There had been no question of encouraging Mr Ashley to return to Greece. It was bad luck that he was back there when the load was stopped.

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Tunnel rail link 'will not get public cash'

TRANSPORT

IF THE Channel tunnel project were being financed by the public sector, costs would probably have already tripled or even quadrupled, Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Transport, said during Commons question time yesterday.

Pressed to state that the Government would not provide finance for the high-speed rail link between Folkestone and London, Mr Parkinson said: "It would be illegal for the Government to provide money for the Channel tunnel rail link. It is forbidden by section 42 of the Channel Tunnel Act."

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that the annual report of Eurotunnel had shown that costs had almost doubled in three or four years. Did that not demonstrate inadequate management and inadequate financing as a result of the project's

being entirely privately organized?

Mr Parkinson said that if the tunnel were in the public sector, that would be a recipe for gigantic costs overrun. It would not be a question of costs doubling if it were a public project, but probably tripling or quadrupling.

Mr Gerald Bowden (Dulwich, C) said that the rail link should be designed to serve the whole of the United Kingdom and not simply to provide development of the King's Cross site.

Mr Parkinson said that he had received many representations from MPs who said that a transit at Stirling University, and Professor Jay Blumler, of Leeds University, who has carried out a study for the select committee.

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MPs 'harder to hear'

By John Lewis, Parliamentary Staff

MR Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the Commons, has ordered an inquiry into the microphone system in the Commons after complaints that the house has made it more difficult to hear ministers and MPs.

Experts say privately that the difficulty of hearing some remarks has little to do with the audio system, which has been changed, and a great deal to do with the way that ministers, the Prime Minister in particular, have chosen to face the cameras and in doing so have turned away from the microphones.

MPs on the select committee are televising the Commons debate, however, that the present system is now out of use and, in any case, would have had to be changed.

Sir Geoffrey announced in a

Commons written answer last night that Mr Richard Wright, head of BBC Sound Operations for News and Current Affairs, had been appointed to carry out an inquiry into what is needed. He said that a rowdy House was likely to stretch to its limits even the most up-to-date technology.

The select committee, of which Sir Geoffrey is chairman, is now virtually certain to recommend that the television experiment, which is due to end this summer, should be made permanent.

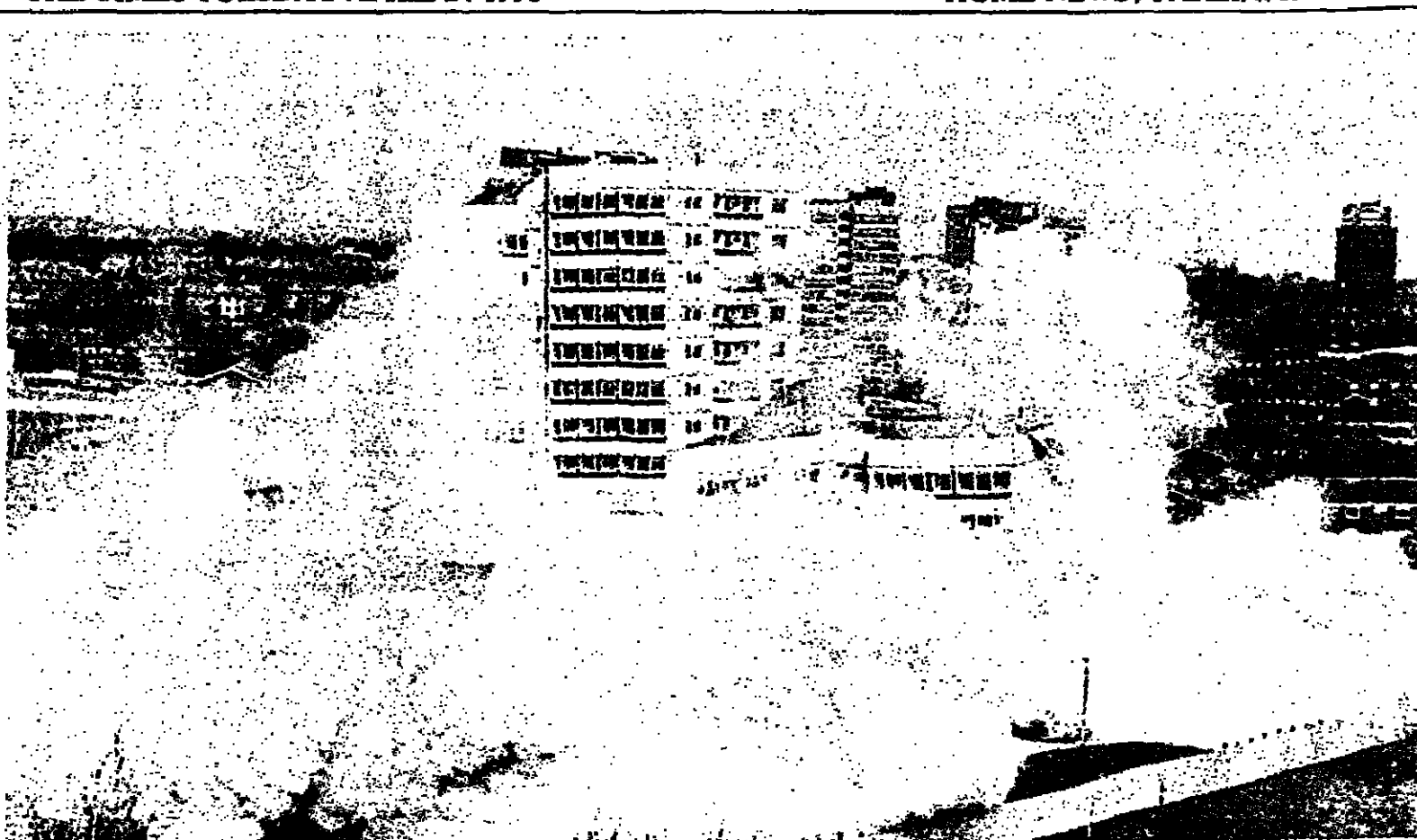
MPs are expected to recommend that the present arrangement should be continued for another year to provide time to work out a new scheme. At present, the operation is run by a joint company of the Commons authorities, ITV and the BBC,

with Broadcast Communications Ltd providing the feed.

MPs on the Select Committee began their review of the experiment last night. They are understood to have had favourable reports on the experiment so far from Mr Alistair Hetherington, now of Stirling University, and Professor Jay Blumler, of Leeds University, who has carried out a study for the select committee.

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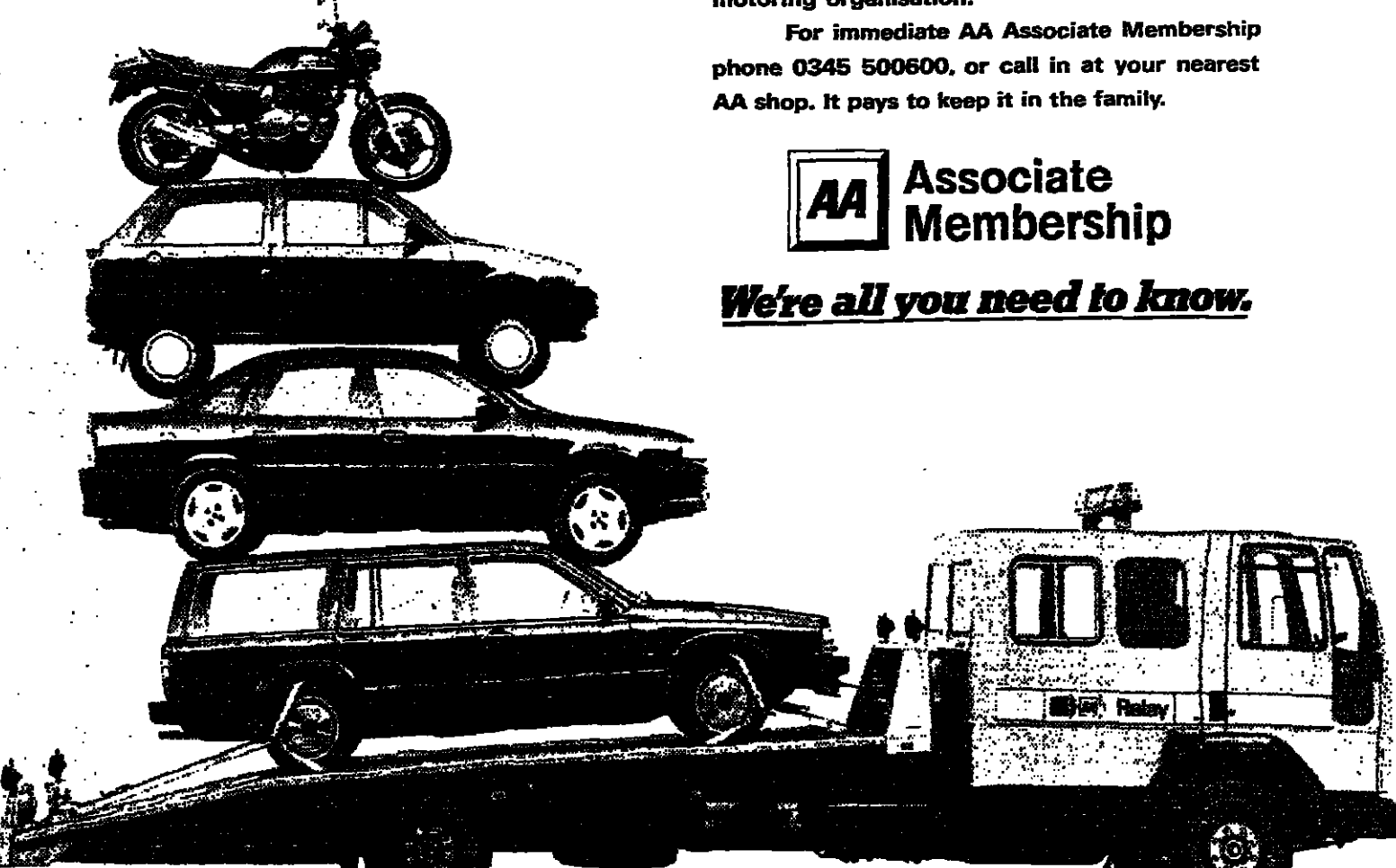
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Islamic backlash pushes Turkey down path of violence

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

WHEN Mrs Thatcher arrives in Turkey today she will be visiting a country with one of the worst human rights records in Europe, where mounting political violence has prompted fears of a slide back into the chaos that caused the Army to seize power in 1980.

A poll last week among 2,439 Turks found that the rapid spread of Islamic fundamentalism closely followed by terrorism were the two things people feared most in their daily lives. Pollution came a poor third, despite the notorious old-style smogs that afflict the cities.

Dracoonic new restrictions on the press and sweeping powers for the security forces fighting the Kurdish rebellion in the south-east have increased criticism that the country is deliberately turning its back on the type of democratic reforms taking place elsewhere in Europe. Over the weekend,

six rebel Kurds and one Turkish soldier were killed in a long gun battle near Sirnak town, about 25 miles north of the Iraqi border. The fighting was the latest example in the recent escalation in the rebellion led by the separatist Kurdish Workers' Party.

Although Turkey is Britain's ally in Nato and a fellow member of the Council of Europe, with aspirations to resume its failed application to join the European Community in 1993, the recent conduct of the Government shows little willingness to respond to European Community norms.

As Mr Mustafa Gursel, a leading columnist, wrote after the recent censorship decree: "This situation is not acceptable. The right of the people to be informed about what is going on is being obstructed. If we are going to be part of the democratic 'Western club', we have to play the game according to the rules, otherwise we cannot claim membership or claim that we are fit for it." In

addition to daily violence in the Kurdish separatist struggle, there have been five political assassinations in the past two months, most carried out by Muslim extremists whose influence is growing.

Turkey, a Muslim country of 55 million people with a secular constitution, is particularly sensitive to Muslim fundamentalism, as it borders Iran. There are growing accusations that the ruling Motherland Party has been "soft" on fundamentalists in an effort to improve its flagging popularity.

In recent polls this has dropped as low as 7 per cent compared with the 36 per cent support it achieved when re-elected in 1987. But the ineffective Prime Minister, Mr Yildirim Akbulut, the butt of countless jokes centring on his allegedly feeble intelligence, has refused calls for a new election.

Among those who were victims of the new spate of political murders - reminiscent of those in the late 1970s when more than 5,000 people were killed

in political violence - were Professor Muammer Aksoy, a jurist, and Mr Cetim Encec, a respected journalist on the popular daily *Hurriyet*.

Both were outspoken supporters of secularism and their killings were claimed by a previously unknown group, "Islamic Revenge". Their murders came after revelations that investigations were under way into Islamic infiltration of the Turkish Air Force and a controversial campaign to turn Istanbul's famous cathedral, St Sofia, back into a mosque.

St Sofia, for 1,000 years the world's largest man-made enclosed space, was turned into a mosque after the fall of Constantinople in 1453 and then converted to a museum in the 1930s by Kemal Ataturk, the founder of modern Turkey, who introduced far-reaching secular reforms.

The renewed campaign to reopen it to Muslim prayer is seen as symbolic of the changes now taking place. It follows the lifting of the ban on women students

wearing Islamic-style headscarves on campus and the spread of Islamic banks and foundations, some backed by Saudi Arabian finance.

Political observers believe the Islamic backlash has been encouraged by the failure of the EC membership application. The last budget in December increased the funding of the Religious Affairs Department by more than 200 per cent, making it larger in cash terms than the allowance for the Foreign Ministry.

A young army officer who sent a public telegram accusing President Ozal of fostering Islamic fundamentalism was held for a month in a psychiatric ward.

As well as the violence by Islamic extremists and the mass demonstrations by their backers who regularly block traffic in Istanbul, there have been attacks on political targets by left-wing militants who are now linking up with the Kurdish Workers' Party.

The outlawed grouping known as the

Dev-Sol (Revolutionary Left) claimed responsibility for recent bomb attacks in Ankara and Istanbul. It said the explosions were a protest at Turkey's treatment of its 10 million Kurds.

The Army, the key defender of Turkey's secular institutions, has emphasized that it regards early elections and the establishment of a strong popular government as the best means of defending the country's fragile democracy.

But this is being resisted by Mr Ozal, an interventionist President who is widely regarded as having appointed Mr Akbulut as a puppet to allow himself to continue to wield power.

Mr Ozal is the former Prime Minister and leader of the Motherland Party. He is seen as the architect of the clampdown on the press, claimed as worse than anything introduced in wartime, and unwilling to do anything to bring an election forward from the appointed date of late 1992.

Former policeman tells of 'hit squad' killing in Durban

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

A FORMER South African policeman gave evidence in London yesterday that he was a member of a "hit squad" which killed a human rights lawyer.

Mr David Tshikalange was giving evidence on the opening day of hearings in London by Mr Justice Louis Harms, a South African judge heading a commission of inquiry into allegations that Pretoria operated a policy of selective assassinations in the mid-1980s.

The London hearings were called to enable Mr Tshikalange and Mr Dirk Coetzee, his white former superior officer, to give evidence. Both left South Africa after newspaper articles in which Mr Coetzee was reported as saying that he was involved in a death squad.

The judicial commission is widely seen as a test of South Africa's ability to become a more open society. The outside world will gain an impression from the access Mr Harms is given by Pretoria to high-level information, of the extent to which President de Klerk's Government has made a clean break with previous policies.

Much depends on whether the authorities are willing to confirm the evidence Mr Harms is hearing in the private cinema in the basement of the South African Embassy in Trafalgar Square, London.

The commission is expected to try to establish whether the

death squads were run at the initiative of individuals or groups within the police force or military, or whether they were set up by the South African Government. Yesterday's evidence threw no light on this.

The commission will need to establish the status of a unit known as the Civil Co-operation Bureau, which is thought to have run or co-ordinated the death squads. Its existence was unknown until last year, and General Magnus Malan, the Defence Minister, has said he was unaware of it. He had agreed to give evidence to the commission. However, there have been allegations that responsibility may ultimately lie at Cabinet level.

Mr Tshikalange said he was a junior member of a four-man group which killed Griffiths Mxenge, the black human rights lawyer, in Durban in 1981, and said he himself struck one blow with a knife.

The commission had heard previous evidence in South Africa that the men were told to make the murder look like a robbery. Mxenge was suspected of being a member of the ANC, then a banned organization.

Before driving to the assassination, the squad was shown a photograph of Mxenge and it was made clear that they were to kill him.

Afterwards the squad changed their bloodstained clothes and the number plate

of their vehicle and drove back to Pretoria. Mr Tshikalange said he later received an additional 1,000 rand (nominally about £250).

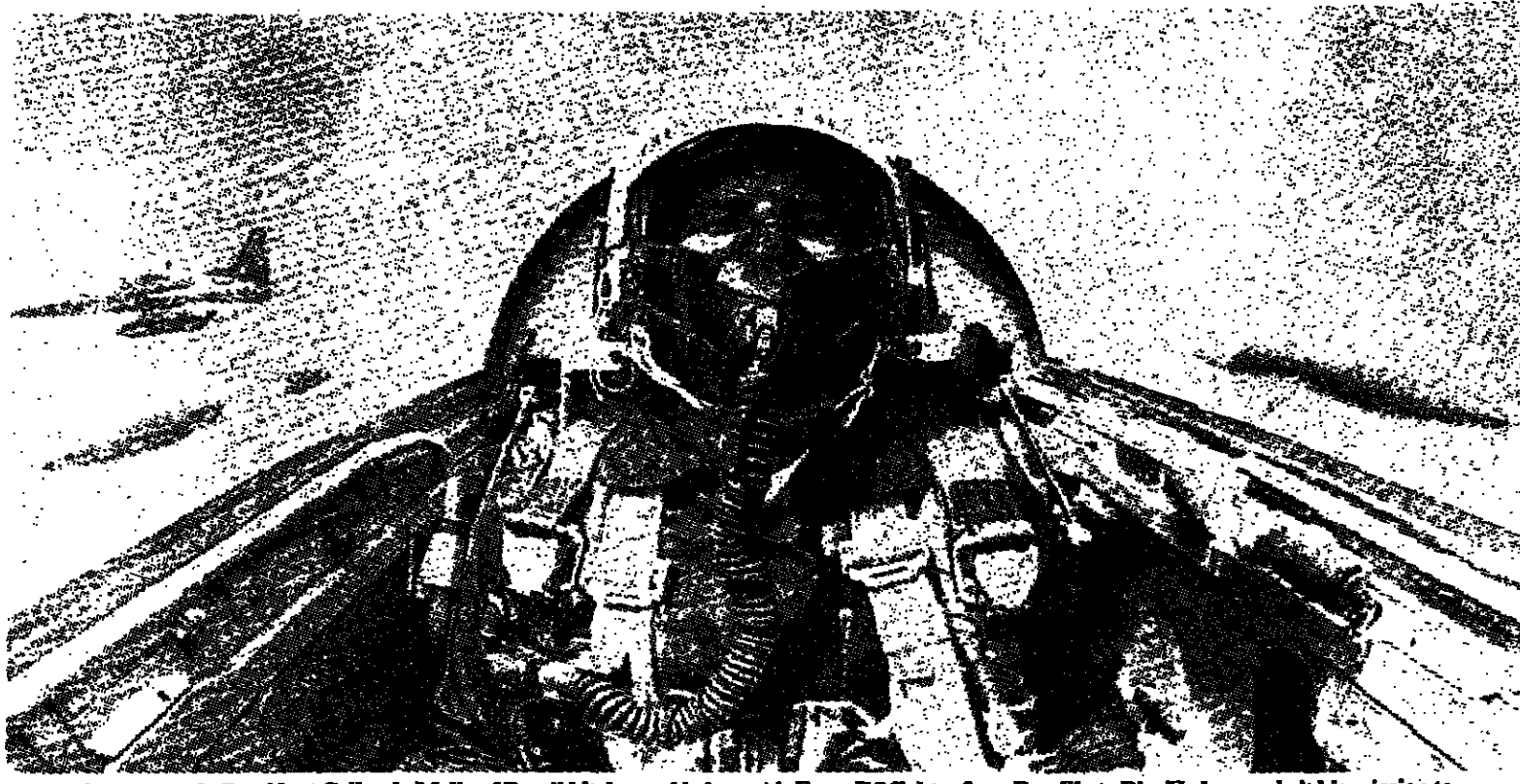
He had received some training at Vlakplaas, a farm near Pretoria which others have described as an anti-terrorist training centre. He often carried a 9mm handgun.

Because of the limited remit of the Harms commission it did not become clear yesterday if the squad had been involved in similar operations outside South Africa. Mr Tshikalange said he had been on missions in Botswana, but was not asked about them.

He described a bizarre incident in which he awoke after falling asleep in a police vehicle to find that it had crashed and the driver and others had fled. He said he was frightened and ran away to Swaziland, where he was caught and sent back to Pretoria.

Asked why he was frightened he said: "I knew some other people used to be beaten and people used to disappear (at Vlakplaas)." His punishment proved less severe - he was ordered not to leave the base for six months, but served only two months.

Mr Tshikalange spoke slowly in answering questions put to him by Mr Denis Kuny, Senior Counsel. Offered the alternative of giving evidence in Afrikaans rather than English, he said both languages were difficult for him.



On the attack: President Collor de Mello of Brazil hitches a ride in an Air Force F5 fighter from Brasilia to Rio. He has made it his mission to tackle the country's economic crisis, and his latest move is a freeze of repayments on Brazil's \$114.8 billion debts until new terms are agreed

Sudan Army crushes coup attempt by rebel soldiers

From Marti Colley, Nairobi

SUDAN'S military Government was reported to have crushed an attempted coup yesterday after rebel soldiers tried to seize control of key installations in and around Khartoum, the capital.

Speaking on the radio at lunchtime, the President, Lieutenant-General Omar al-Bashir, said: "All those who are involved in the coup attempt have been arrested; those who are in active service and those who are retired."

The abortive coup, allegedly

planned by retired army officers, began at midnight when a group of rebel soldiers stormed Khartoum airport and the offices of Radio Omdurman.

"They tried to take over the airport and the radio in a rather pathetic way, and were very unsuccessful," an army spokesman said. Another group attempted to shoot its way into the army headquarters but was overpowered by loyal troops.

The Government closed the airport, sealed bridges in and out of the capital, and cut communications with the outside world for a short while during the early hours of Monday. By mid-morning, however, the army command said the situation had returned to normal.

But the Army is reported to be on full alert, with tanks stationed around bridges, and reinforcements surrounding army headquarters, the radio and television stations and other strategic buildings.

This is Sudan's second coup

attempt in a month. At the end of March officers and civilians were arrested for allegedly planning a coup. The President said later that only 20 people were involved and that investigations were under way. It is not yet known how many people were arrested yesterday or exactly who was involved. In his broadcast, the President blamed "the alliance" in coalition with the "outlaws".

The "alliance" could be a reference to the signatories of the National Democratic Alliance Charter, drawn up last October between political parties, trade unions and professional associations banned when General al-Bashir seized power last June.

In March an amended version of the charter was also signed by the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which has been fighting for the past seven years to end domination of the Christian and animist south by the Muslim north.

New York hunts for the cab killer

From Charles Bremner, New York

SOME three dozen undercover police officers were sent out to drive taxis in New York yesterday as part of an operation to capture the serial killer responsible for at least four of seven murders of cab drivers in little more than a month.

The taxi murders, described yesterday by Mr David Dinkins, New York's Mayor, as a "public crisis", have added to growing alarm about new patterns of violence in the city. Indeed, it came as little surprise yesterday when it was revealed that many ministers of religion are now carrying guns - even in church.

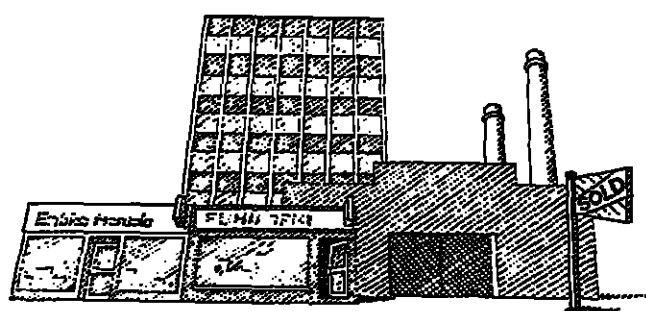
The seventh murder of a radio-cab driver brought a declaration of war from Mr Dinkins. The latest victim, a Pakistani, was found slumped in his cab in the Tremont district of the Bronx with a single bullet wound behind his left ear.

Police said the evidence suggested his killer was the same as whoever had shot dead three other drivers in the Bronx since late March. Each killing took place in the small hours, and a small-calibre pistol was used to shoot the driver once in the head.

Since radio-cab drivers carry very little money, police are searching for other motives. They are also examining the possibility that a woman, or some other unlikely murderer, was responsible because radio-cab companies have been refusing any passenger late at night who looks remotely suspicious.

About three murders a year are now reported inside churches. "It's like living in the middle of an insane asylum with no bodyguards," said the Rev James Washington, a professor of church history at Union Seminary in Manhattan.

"There is a crop of amorality, if not simply nihilistic, folk who have been bred within the ghetto, and to try to introduce morality in that general context of amorality is almost like committing suicide."



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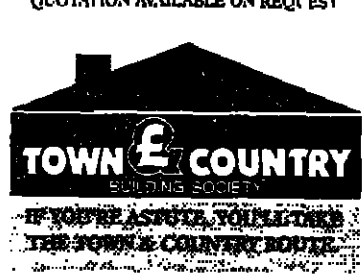
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COMMERCIAL MORTGAGES

Frightened suspect spurns bail

Windhoek - Mr Donald Achesson, an Irish national accused of a political assassination, yesterday spurned an offer of £900 bail by a Windhoek court, apparently for fear of being killed himself (Peter Kenny writes).

The Belfast-born man was granted bail with stringent conditions as the hearing was put off until May 7. Mr Achesson is charged with the murder of Anton Lubowski, once a senior white official in the South West Africa People's Organization which now governs Namibia.

The *Windhoek Observer* reported that Mr Achesson said he feared he would not last six months outside prison before he himself was killed. "They'll get me no matter where I go. I received these warnings... telling me 'keep your silence'." Mr Achesson is reported to have said.

Peru guerrillas free hostage

Lima - Pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru guerrillas released a kidnapped Peruvian television executive after his family agreed to distribute food to shanty town dwellers instead of paying ransom.

Hector Delgado Parker, co-owner of Lima's Panamericana television, took a taxi to his home in Lima after being released. He was abducted on October 4 on his way to the station. His chauffeur was killed by gunfire as he tried to drive away. (Reuters)

Death of film star Goddard

Pauline Goddard, the American film star who first achieved fame through her association with Charlie Chaplin, has died at her home in Switzerland (Simon Tait writes). She was 84.

Goddard was born in Whitestone, Long Island, in 1905 and went into films after beginning her career in the Ziegfeld Follies. She starred with Chaplin in his 1936 classic satire *Modern Times* and it was only revealed that they had married while making the film after their divorce in 1942.

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Warning signs for Babangida

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

FEW Nigerians know the intricacies of plotting against the country's rulers better than General Ibrahim Babangida, who was able to put down Sunday's plot by a group of junior officers in the Nigerian capital, Lagos.

Their success could have led to civil war. Failure now to heed the warnings could still lead to strife.

The general was the power behind the military ousting of Nigeria's last civilian government under President Shagari in 1983, following its widespread fraud and corruption practices.

At that time he preferred to remain behind the scenes, making General Muhammadu Buhari President of Nigeria's fifth military government since independence in 1960.

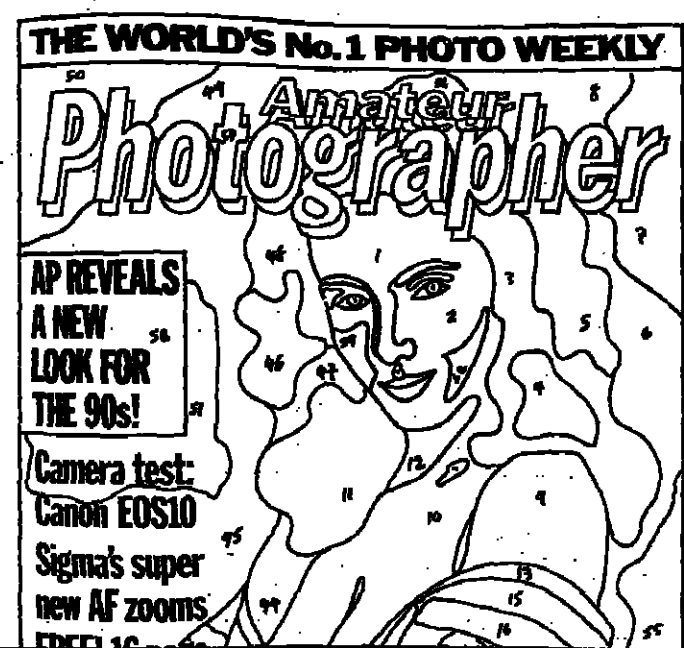
He changed his mind after two years of General Buhari's headline excesses, ousted him, and took over himself.

For the past four years, serious religious tension between Muslims and Christians has been growing dangerously, exacerbated by presidential decisions to take Nigeria into the Organization of Islamic Conference in 1986, concessions, albeit lukewarm, to Sharia (Muslim law) in the new constitution, religious rioting and the resignation of the last Christian member of Nigeria's ruling military council.

The President has survived this coup attempt, but can only regain a little of his lost popularity and avoid an upheaval which would affect the whole continent by getting in touch again with Nigeria's 120 million people.

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Damascus role in hostage drama puts onus on UK

From Christopher Walker, Damascus

PRESSURE is increasing on Britain to restore diplomatic ties with Syria as a result of the key role being played by Damascus in the attempts to free Western hostages held in Lebanon.

Relations were broken off in October, 1986, after Nezar Hindawi's foiled plot to blow up an Israeli jet flying from Heathrow.

"There is no doubt that the British hostages are now in a less favourable position than the seven remaining Americans because of Britain's lack of diplomatic clout in Damascus," a European envoy with experience of hostage negotiations said. "This is compounded because Syria is now co-operating closely with Iran on the hostage issue."

Britain's refusal to break off relations with Iraq over the hanging of Farzad Bazoft, the London-based journalist, and subsequent scandals over the smuggling of nuclear trigger devices and the Iraqi "super-gun" have increased behind-the-scenes criticism by other Western governments of Britain's stand on Syria.

"The stand of the British Foreign Office is beginning to look less and less defensible or realistic," another European diplomat said.

When Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, an-

nounced on March 29 that Britain would not cut ties with Baghdad, he told the Commons that he did not want to be in a position "where we do not actually have an embassy in the Middle East between the Khaybar Pass and the Mediterranean".

Britain has no diplomatic ties with Iran or Libya.

Shortly before the release at the weekend of Professor Robert Polhill, British sources said Britain's continuing refusal to resume links with Syria was related to the Hindawi affair and Damascus's willingness to harbour "terrorist groups" in Syria and in Syrian-occupied territory in Lebanon.

After Hindawi's attempt to blow up the El Al jet flying from Heathrow, Mr Roger Tomkys, the last British Ambassador in Damascus, described the closure of the embassy as a "disadvantage, not a disaster".

The United States also withdrew its ambassador, but there was an embarrassing failure to arrange a concerted European Community stand. Mr Ronald Reagan, then US President, later authorized the return of the American envoy after Syria decided to expel the extremist Fatah Revolutionary Council, led by Abu Nidal, now based in Libya.

ascus have made little secret of their criticism of the British stand, which many now believe is doing more harm to British than to Syrian interests. "There is no doubt that Syria is playing a more positive role than Iraq in Arab affairs these days. I think a government's policy should reflect that," one said. Western airline officials have estimated at up to £50 million a year the cost to British Airways of the related closure of Syrian airspace.

The British sources named three "terrorist groups" whose continuing protection by Syria is cited as one reason for not resuming ties. They are the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril, the former Syrian Army officer suspected of planning the 1988 explosion of the Pan Am jumbo over Lockerbie; the Japanese Red Army; and the Kurdish Workers' Party, a Marxist organization fighting the Turkish Government for a separate Kurdish state.

Syrian ministers insist that any initiative to restore relations must come from London. "It was London that made the break, and it is London which must be the side to repair it again," a Syrian official said.

While Mr Edward Djerjian,

the American Ambassador in Damascus, is able to command easy access to senior Syrian figures and plan complex hostage release operations, Britain has only two junior diplomats and a secretary in the Syrian capital. They work out of an interest section supervised by the Australian Embassy.

The two, Mr John Davis and Mr Andrew Tesonere, are regarded as competent officials, but neither has the seniority or the contacts to play a central role in hostage negotiations.

A planned visit to Tehran by President Assad is expected to galvanize further the joint Syrian-Iranian initiative to secure the release of the 16 Westerners, four of them Britons, still held in Lebanon. One, Mr Brian Keenan, also holds an Irish passport, but Ireland has no ambassador in Damascus.

Diplomatic sources who have previously argued in favour of an early resumption of Anglo-Syrian ties yesterday claimed that the last-minute complexities of the Polhill release highlighted the important role now played by embassies in the Syrian capital, probably the focus of future releases.

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Back in play: Professor Polhill after arriving at a military hospital in Wiesbaden

'Freedom is like wanting a T-bone steak'

EXCERPTS from a Syrian state television interview with Professor Robert Polhill on Sunday night:

Question: How was your first day in captivity?

Answer: I remember my first day in captivity more than the rest of my days in captivity... It was boring...

... We were not allowed to speak loudly. We had something to read, but we were deprived of materials that gave any news about us.

As to our specific conditions, I can tell you it could have been a lot worse. We were not mistreated, thanks to those who guarded us, who tried to give us things within the limits of the restrictions on them. We played cards...

We were very much in the dark about our status. We didn't know where we stood. That was the worst. We didn't know whether we were going to be released and when or whether we were ever going to be released.

Q: What does freedom mean to you?

A: Freedom is something that, believe it or not, neither me nor my two associates spent a lot of time thinking about. It's a bit like you wish you had a T-bone steak in front of you.

Knowing you were not going to get it right away makes you more hungry, makes you want that steak more. So we didn't spend time thinking or talking about when we'd be freed.

Our most difficult assignment was to find things to think about. To keep our minds active so we didn't begin to degenerate... My belief is that part of the symptom of a mind beginning to stray and go mad is the loss of anger. I was angry at what was done to me, at being taken away from my wife and family, my friends and students. And so I tried to continue to be angry, knowing at all times that if I began to lose that anger I would just sort of become a vegetable, and I didn't want that to happen.

Q: What do you want to say to the world?

A: One thing I probably should say is that I was a little bit surprised to find out that the specific demands these men (the kidnappers) are making and want the world to know seems to be precisely the same they made about two weeks after our kidnapping, when Alan Stein made the videotape - releasing the 400 prisoners held in Israeli jails. We seem right back at ground zero... I'd have thought things would have changed over the three years, that some of those prisoners got released, I don't know. (AP)

Plea by captive's family

By Robert Rodwell

RELATIVES of Brian Keenan, the Belfast teacher who is today spending his 1,473rd day in captivity in Beirut, are seeking an urgent meeting with Mr Charles Haughey, the Irish Prime Minister, to present a petition calling for Mr Keenan's release.

The petition carries more than 60,000 signatures. It is hoped that the authorities in Dublin will pass it on to the Iranian Government. Campaigners for Mr Keenan's release hoped to present it to Mr Haughey during his visit to Belfast 13 days ago, but he was unable to meet them then.

Although a Belfast Protestant, Mr Keenan exercised his right to an Irish passport before going to work at the American University in Beirut in the mistaken belief that it would be safer to be taken for an Irishman there than a Briton.

Consequently Dublin has been leading diplomatic efforts to achieve his release.

Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, was meeting Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, in New York yesterday to discuss Mr Keenan's case.

Israel holds key to more releases

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

A DECISION by Israel to set free some or all of the 300 Shia Muslim prisoners it holds could be the key to the release of further Western hostages in Lebanon. But the Israelis show themselves in no mood to take such a step.

Yesterday Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, also called for the release of Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid, the leading Shia cleric who was kidnapped by Israeli commandos from his home in southern Lebanon last July.

Both Iran and Lebanese kidnap groups have repeatedly demanded the release of Shias held by Israel, and above all of Sheikh Obeid, described by Israel at the time of his capture as a "big fish".

Israeli officials said at the time that behind-the-scenes negotiations for hostage releases, with Sheikh Obeid used as a bargaining counter, would take "months".

Yesterday Israeli officials were silent about their plans regarding Sheikh Obeid, said to be held under strict security at a comfortable three-roomed villa in northern Israel.

But Western diplomats said Israel's main aim was to use its Arab prisoners as leverage to gain freedom for Israeli servicemen captured during

clashes in Lebanon in the 1980s and described as "missing in action". One diplomat said: "Israel is clearly concerned about Western hostages, but its strict priority is getting back its own people."

Two Israeli soldiers, Rahamin Alsheich and British-born Joseph Fink, were captured by a Hezbollah squad in southern Lebanon in February, 1986. A third Israeli, Ron Arad, an Air Force navigator, was shot down over Lebanon soon afterwards.

There have been unconfirmed reports that Fink and Alsheich died at the time of their capture four years ago or shortly afterwards. In 1986 a Beirut magazine showed two men lying in hospital beds. But Lebanese sources subsequently said the two soldiers were dead at the time and the photograph was a fake.

Sheikh Obeid reportedly told his Israeli interrogators the same story. Senior Israeli army officers say they regard the servicemen as being alive "until proven otherwise".

Most of Israel's Arab prisoners, captured during clashes in or near Israel's self-imposed security zone in southern Lebanon, are held at Khiam, a high-security prison inside the security zone. "Perhaps Iran wrongly imagines that America's relationship with Israel is similar to Iran's with the Hezbollah," one expert on Lebanese affairs said.

"But Washington cannot easily put pressure on Israel to free its prisoners as part of a deal. Israel has to show the Israeli people that it got something in return."

Mr Uri Lufani, Israel's co-ordinator of activities in southern Lebanon, said Iran's leaders appeared to have realized that "kidnapping brings them no credit".

Since 1983, Israel has freed more than 5,600 Palestinian and Lebanese prisoners in exchange for captured soldiers.



Sheikh Obeid: Abducted from his home last July

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PLO swing to hardliners as Peres hopes are blighted

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

AFTER nearly three weeks of trying to form a left-of-centre government, disappointed leaders of the Israeli Labour Party yesterday conceded that they had all but failed, and that the Middle East peace plan formulated by Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, was a "dead letter".

Jubilant supporters of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the caretaker Prime Minister and leader of the conservative Likud Party, said he was in a position not only to block a Labour government but also to form a right-of-centre coalition with the support of Israel's powerful Orthodox religious parties.

Labour sources said Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, could give up his attempt to form a government before Thursday, when the deadline laid down by President Herzog expires. Apparently despairing of dialogue with Israel, Palestinian extremists yesterday began to gain the upper hand over moderates in the Palestinian

movement and launched a series of armed attacks, including the use of gunfire against an Israeli bus on the occupied West Bank.

Left-wing critics have accused Mr Shamir of using his transitional powers since the collapse of the Likud-Labour coalition last month to establish new Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

It also emerged at the weekend that the Housing Ministry, headed by Mr David Levy, a leading member of the Likud right, had made government funds available to enable militant Jewish settlers to occupy a Christian hostel in Jerusalem's Old City, sparking off disturbances.

The ministry acknowledged that it had transferred £1.2 million to the settlers, nearly half the purchase price, through the Jewish National Fund. The heads of the three main Christian churches in Jerusalem - Greek Orthodox, Catholic and Armenian - announced yesterday that they would close all holy places in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth on Friday in protest.

Hopes that Mr Peres would form a left-wing coalition and thus salvage US plans for Israeli-Palestinian talks in Cairo were dashed 10 days ago when two key Orthodox MPs deserted at the last moment. Yesterday Palestinian sources warned that, in the absence of dialogue with the participation - direct or indirect - of the PLO, the *intifada* would take a more violent turn.

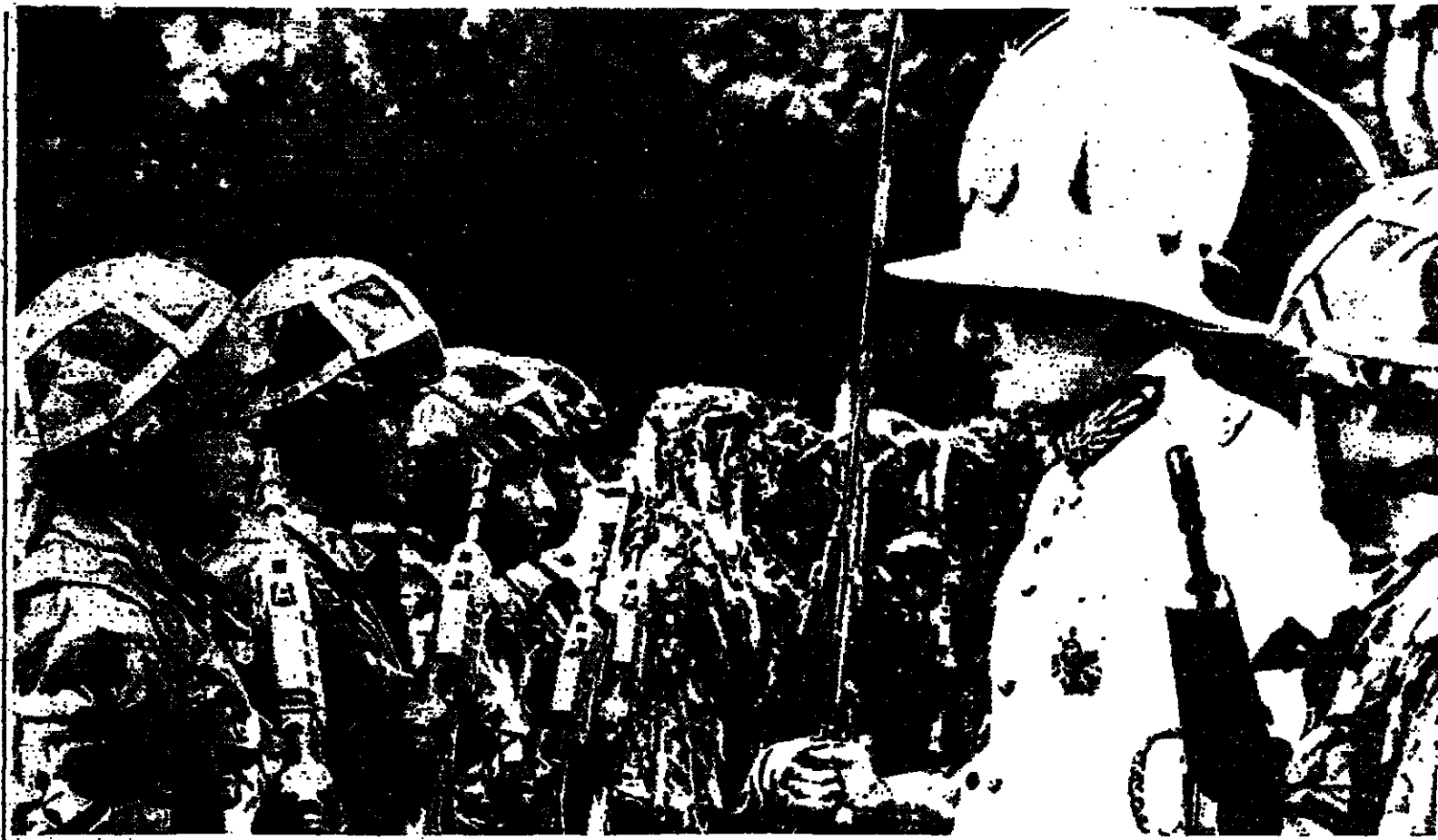
In the early hours of yesterday morning several shots were fired at an Israeli bus at Beit Omar near Hebron, wounding a passenger. This was the fifth attack involving the use of weapons in 10 days. Israeli troops combed Beit Omar and arrested several suspects. Two Arab boys died yesterday of wounds sustained in clashes with Israeli troops, one aged 14 from Beit Omar and one aged 10 from a Gaza refugee camp.

In Nablus, Arab militants exploded a bomb in the main street yesterday as an Israeli army patrol was passing, but there were no casualties. The troops returned fire.

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Bomber birthday: Members of the 2nd Battalion King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, stationed near the Hong Kong-Chinese frontier, being reviewed yesterday by Sir David Wilson, the Governor of the colony, on the occasion of the battalion's 175th anniversary

Six die in flare-up of Nepal violence

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

FOUR people were shot dead by police after angry demonstrators beat to death two policemen in the Nepalese capital yesterday.

The two policemen, cornered on an avenue, were among six people beaten senseless by a Kathmandu crowd.

Nepal's state radio said Kathmandu's police chief imposed a curfew on the capital and threatened to have violators shot.

The violence erupted as political leaders accused supporters of the King of trying to destabilize the new multi-party Government.

Two people were killed and many others were carried away with bullet wounds after police opened fire to disperse a mob outside the office of the district superintendent of police in Kathmandu.

The 5,000-strong crowd wanted police to hand over three *mandals* - policemen belonging to a special body of strong-arm loyalists of the old partyless *panchayat* government - who were in custody after local people had beaten them up. The two officers, accused of looting, had earlier been tied to a pushcart and wheeled through the city, jeered by crowds.

Witnesses said at least two more people were killed by police in the maze of bazaars.

In another incident police with *labhis* charged a mob protesting against the "anti-social activities" of the *mandals*. Elsewhere in the city, crowds surrounded the new Home Minister, Mr Yos Prasad Upadhyay, and the Chief of Police, Mr Hem Bahadur Singh, demanding tough action against the *mandals*.

The new Government was formally sworn in last week after King Birendra bowed to demands to give up absolute power.

It has now formed a police task force from officers deemed to be loyal to the new administration, a move that amounts to a public acknowledgement that many senior elements of the police remain loyal to the old order.

Defiant Japan puts gorillas on show

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

THE decision by a Japanese zoo to pay a record price for two endangered lowland gorillas and then put them on show despite evidence that they were caught illegally has angered conservationists.

They say the incident reinforces Japan's reputation as an animal smuggler's paradise that cares little for protected species and which is now rich enough to indulge its expensive and exotic whims.

Japan imports more of the world's most threatened flora and fauna than any other country. Last year customs officers at Tokyo's Narita airport forced travellers to hand over 8,678 rare animals,

fish, fur and various mounted animals whose trade is banned under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

Chiba Zoo, just east of Tokyo, braved the wrath of the World Wide Fund for Nature and even a harangue from Sigourney Weaver, star of *Gorillas in the Mist*, when, a week ago, it let its pair of internationally protected gorillas into a new 400 square yard cage for public viewing.

The price the zoo paid of \$6 million yen (£319,000) is a world record for a pair of young lowland gorillas. It has also given a fat profit to the importer, who declared a

value of 11.2 million yen on the animals when he imported them in May, 1987.

Certificates he carried with him at the time showed that the gorillas had not been taken from the wild but had been bred in captivity at the Ringland Circus in Spain, thereby qualifying for commercial trade exemption under convention rules.

But conservationists say that Spain is a notorious laundering centre for contraband wildlife in Europe and the Tokyo office of the World Wide Fund for Nature has established that the export certificates were false. But even though Japan is a signatory to the convention, it has no laws allowing for retroactive confiscation of imported animals.

Conservationists say that, anyway, it is now much too late to return the young animals to the wild.

Mr Toshimasa Murai, a spokesman for the city of Chiba, still claims that the gorillas were born in captivity.

The trade in endangered species has flourished because of laws which make it illegal to import protected species, but impossible to confiscate those which have slipped through, and which make it illegal to sell a protected animal but legal to own one.

Denktas backed by Turkish Cypriots

Nicosia - Mr Rauf Denktas, promising a tough line in unity talks with Greek Cypriots, won a two-thirds majority in presidential elections in Turkish Cypriot north Cyprus on Sunday.

He said talks, which broke down in February, could resume only after general elections next month. (Reuters)

Train explodes

Craigsville, Pennsylvania - A train carrying sodium hydroxide and crude oil derailed and exploded, polluting a river and forcing at least 700 people out of their homes. (AP)

Emir gives way

Cairo - The Emir of Kuwait has restored a national assembly in response to demands for a return of parliament, dissolved in 1986. (Reuters)

Burma battle

Mae Sot, Thailand - Fighting is reported from the Thai border as Burmese troops advance on the Karen guerrilla headquarters. (Reuters)

Pilots defect

Sana'a - Five Ethiopian pilots defected to North Yemen by flying their helicopter across the Red Sea. (Reuters)

Finns object

Helsinki - Finnish conscientious objectors are on strike in protest at the length of time they spend in civilian service or jail. (Reuters)

Sting in the tail

Nicosia - An Iranian hunter was killed when a snake he tried to trap with his rifle butt coiled itself around the trigger, firing the weapon. (Reuters)

Pepsi-Cola breaches the Indian trade wall

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

PEPSI-COLA, after five years of trying, has finally broken through India's wall of protectionism and is about to set up business in terrorist-ridden Punjab, to an accompanying chorus of protests from politicians, religious leaders and industrialists.

Since independence 43 years ago, India has been reluctant to open its markets to the world. Coca-Cola left India 12 years ago in a bitter dispute about shareholding structures and import permits.

Pepsi's entry represents a remarkable breakthrough after a dogged campaign that started in 1984 when the new Indian Government took power in December. Mr V. P. Singh, the Prime Minister, decided to give the go-ahead, but even at the last minute, the Government dithered. The name "Pepsi", it was felt, was too famous and too evocative of Western ways. The Cabinet decided it must carry the Hindi word *lehar* (wave) in front, but everybody will call it Pepsi anyway.

The breakthrough sends a message of hope to all international corporations that covet a toe-hold in India's rapidly growing market of more than 800 million people.

Pepsi Foods Ltd, the Indian subsidiary of the multinational, will invest nearly £18 million in a soft-drinks and food-processing venture in the Punjab which will include potato crisps and tomato paste.

The Punjab, India's breadbasket, is again at the economic night of the incoming giant. Nearly a third of all tomatoes produced in the state, for example, will be processed by Pepsi, and it will buy vast quantities of fruit and vegetables to produce concentrate for export.

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are involved in containing the uprising in Kashmir. "It will be our concern if the Indian troops are released from the internal security duty," said Brigadier Rizullah, the Pakistani Chief of Inter-Services Public Relations.

Pakistani officials expressed concern over the concentration of Indian troops in Kashmir bordering Eastern Punjab. "India has added one more division from its peace-time position," said Brigadier Rizullah. They claim reports of Pakistani casualties are a part of Indian attempts to create a war hysteria.

Although the military spokesmen here do not see war as imminent, some military officials privately agree that the rising tension in Kashmir and the increasing use of violence by Indian authorities to crush the uprising could inflame matters. One senior military official said it was an historical opportunity for Pakistan to end the Indian occupation of Kashmir.

They fear the tension could worsen during the next few months with the increasing influx of refugees into Pakistan-controlled Kashmir as the snows melt. They say Indian troops have sealed the border and may resort to hot pursuit to stop militants crossing into Pakistan.

Protest flag becomes focus of Kashmir border strife

From Zahid Hussain, Chikoti

AT THE Chikoti border post in Kashmir a simple tricolour flag fluttering from a branch in no man's land has become the focus of hostility between Indian and Pakistani troops.

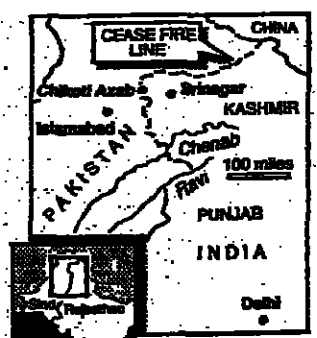
Ever since the flag - that of the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front - was hoisted by protesters on February 12, at the cost of two of their lives, the Indian troops have tried to remove it as a point of honour to thwart their attempts.

Entrenched in their bunkers for the past three months, the Indian and Pakistani troops facing each other at Chikoti exchange fire on the slightest provocation.

Sometimes the firing continues for days, resulting in regular casualties, mostly civilians living on both sides of the control line.

A Pakistani soldier's jaw was blown off by gunfire on Sunday night, and sporadic exchanges of fire continued the next morning as a group of journalists was taken to the Pakistani forward position in the picturesque mountainous area. Chikoti, a border post about 100 miles from Srinagar, is one of the hot spots as tension between India and Pakistan escalates.

There are also signs of



increasing tension in the other areas of the control line, at Lipa, Hajipur and Pandu. Although military officials play down the border situation, there are reports of increasing casualties on both sides.

The long line of control in Kashmir, which stretches to Pakistan's Eastern Punjab province, was agreed after the 1971 war between India and Pakistan. Both are reported to have built new bunkers in violation of the agreement.

Pakistani military officials admit they have mobilized more than 100,000 men in Kashmir, among them the Mujahid reserve force, which is mobilized only in the likelihood of war.

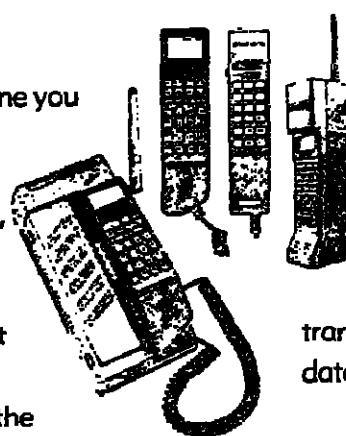
They claim India has deployed more than 200,000 troops in Kashmir, including more than 20,000 border security troops. They say most

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Li Peng runs into chorus of protests in Moscow

From Catherine Sampson, Moscow

SOVIET human rights activists staged a demonstration against Mr Li Peng on the first day of the Chinese Prime Minister's visit to Moscow yesterday. More than 100 people gathered in Smolenskaya Square, opposite the Soviet Foreign Ministry, as Mr Li's delegation were inside. Organized jointly by the Moscow Students Club and Memorial, the human rights organization set up by Dr Andrei Sakharov for victims of Stalin, the crowd chanted "Down with Li Peng" in an eerie echo of students in Peking's Tiananmen Square last year. Some wore white headbands in memory of the Chinese hunger-strikers, and some held Lithuanian flags or banners reading "Li Peng is a bloody executioner" and "Yesterday China, today Lithuania, tomorrow Moscow". One speaker spoke of the bloody wound inflicted by Li Peng on the people of China and asked: "How can we welcome in our country a

leader who has the blood of his people on his hands?" Others responded: "Throw Li Peng out of Moscow".

The loudest cheers were reserved for speakers who linked China's condition to issues in the Soviet Union. One 18-year-old physics student spoke of the "international struggle against communism" and said the student organization was planning a one-day hunger strike on Red Square on May 13, the anniversary of the beginning of the Tiananmen Square hunger strike.

There was little obvious security at the demonstration, although police with two-way radios lined the road between the demonstrators and the Foreign Ministry, an example of Sino-Soviet architecture.

The crowd was well-behaved and dispersed of its own volition when a massive thunderstorm burst overhead.

Mr Li's visit, for talks with President Gorbachov on troubled Sino-Soviet relations, is the first visit to the Soviet



Mr Li Peng and his wife, Zhu Lin, waving as they board the aircraft at Peking airport taking them to Moscow

Union by a Chinese Prime Minister in 26 years, but Mr Li arrived to a low-key welcome.

On his arrival, he said there were good prospects for relations between "two neighbouring socialist states", making a pointed reference to China's concern that the Soviet Union is departing from the socialist road.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Li

held talks with his Soviet counterpart and in the evening attended an official banquet, but in a departure from *glasnost* the Soviet authorities seemed to conspire with Chinese officials in a pact of near-silence about the content of the visit.

Put less blandly, these matters include the collapse of the monopoly of communist power in Eastern Europe, the future of Soviet reforms, and what both countries saw as a frightening revival of fun-

damentalism along their common border. Both countries last year hailed President Gorbachov's Peking summit as a historic turning point in Sino-Soviet relations, but this year Moscow is saying little about the return visit.

Mr Li's arrival was private, and he was greeted by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister.

Lithuanians barter to keep industry alive

From Anatoli Lieven, Vilnius

ORDINARY Lithuanians appear not to have felt the full effects of Soviet cuts yet but factory managers, seeking to barter raw materials for finished products to keep their plants working, are tapping Lithuanian contacts in other parts of the Soviet Union.

Many car owners have left their vehicles at home and there are huge queues at all petrol stations during the few hours that stocks last, but food shops seem to be stocked as normal, and there are no complaints of shortages. Sugar is likely to be the first item to be affected, but is already rationed in any case.

Mr Algirdas Brazauskas, a Deputy Prime Minister and chief of the commission for energy and fuel distribution, sent a telegram yesterday to the Ministry of Transport in Moscow asking for an explanation of the stoppage of some railway freight supplies to Lithuania.

Despite claims on Sunday by Mr Romualdas Ozalas, Lithuania's other Deputy Prime Minister, that all railway freight had been stopped, many factories seem to be receiving them more or less as normal.

As I sat in his office, Mr Česlovas Krinickas, the deputy director of the Fortieth October Anniversary machine-tool plant, in New Vilnius, was on the telephone to a Lithuanian manager of a factory in Moldavia, attempting to get raw materials in return for a special shipment of machine tools.

Sitting under a bust of Lenin, Mr Krinickas said: "Nobody sells anything for roubles - we will have to give them something else: if not our products, then some of our motor transport."

He said the plant management had asked the Machine Tools Ministry in Moscow to transfer the profits of their factory to other machine-tool factories in neighbouring Belorussia, so that these factories could supply the "Fortieth October" with essential lubricating oils and petrol.

Mr Krinickas also thought that, if necessary, his factory might buy up Lithuanian food and ship it to factories elsewhere in the Soviet Union in return for raw materials.

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He said his factory has oil supplies for two more weeks.

President Landsbergis, meanwhile, described as "military insanity" yesterday the statement in Moscow by President Gorbachov's chief military adviser, Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev, that he would not be afraid to use force in Lithuania if necessary.

"What shall we tell people if there is an extreme situation?" President Landsbergis asked parliament.

"Shall we recommend to them to be calm and carry out their jobs peacefully or should they just start demonstrations or even physical resistance?"

He said that Lithuania was seeking direct contacts with Azerbaijani factories, and was gaining support from the fact that other republics in the Caucasus and Baltic areas are refusing to send their young men to the Soviet Army.

Lithuanians seem to be solidly behind the government in its conflict with Moscow, though some admitted that they felt that President Landsbergis and his leadership had been "too hasty".

Polish, Russian and Belorussian workers at the Fortieth October plant all said that they support the Soviet sanctions in general, and resented that "no one has asked us our opinions".

● LONDON: Lithuania appealed for support directly to the people of Western countries yesterday (Andrew McEwen writes).

Mrs Kazimiera Prunskiene, the Prime Minister, opened a bank account in Sweden for Western contributions. In London an "Aid Lithuania Fund" is to be launched within days.

British and Swedish MPs, meanwhile, are to put pressure on their governments to compensate Lithuania for more than £100 million of gold which its central bank deposited abroad before the Second World War and which was effectively confiscated by an Act of Parliament in 1967, and used to compensate British creditors.

The Aid Lithuania Fund will operate from Lithuania's London office at 2 Ladbroke Gardens, London W11 2PT.

Russian factor plagues Latvia

From Our Special Correspondent, Riga

IF LATVIAN independence is declared by the republic's supreme soviet when it meets next week, as seems almost certain, it may lead to serious problems with the huge Russian-speaking population.

This conclusion emerged from the meeting of 5,000 Latvian deputies in Riga at the weekend, which demanded independence by an overwhelming show of hands.

Leading members of the Popular Front, which is leading the drive for independence, afterwards admitted that the wishes of the 48 per cent of Russian-speakers in the republic had not yet been adequately taken into account, and there are fears that ethnic conflict could result.

Several deputies, including the Deputy Mayor of Riga, said that the declaration of independence itself would be on the Lithuanian model, but that the general strategy would be different.

Mr Dainis Ivans, chairman of the Popular Front, said that a working draft accepted a transitional period to independence, retained the rules of the Soviet Constitution where not in conflict with the Latvian Constitution, and established a commission to reintroduce the Constitution of the independent Latvian republic approved in 1922.

Intensive policy discussions are taking place between the Popular Front and smaller parties, such as the Farmers, but few Russian deputies were present at the meeting, and none of those Russian-speaking deputies of the Popular Front was on the list of speakers or appeared at the press conference afterwards.

The Front has some evidence for its claim that about a third of Russians in Riga, which has a Russian-speaking majority of 63 per cent, voted for it in the elections.

One member of the Front's board said that Russian members of the Front were not happy with the pace of moves towards independence, and were not sure that their supporters would follow them.

"Many Russians who have voted for the Front become more cautious when the question of separation is actually raised," the member said. Rapid moves towards legal independence risked undoing recent efforts by Front leaders to woo over the Russian population.

President Anatoli Gorbunov of Latvia declared that

Moscow plans Aids safeguards

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

THE Soviet Parliament is considering a Bill that would provide legal safeguards for those infected with the Aids virus, limit compulsory Aids testing, and bring to justice those, including negligent medical staff, found guilty of infecting others with the virus.

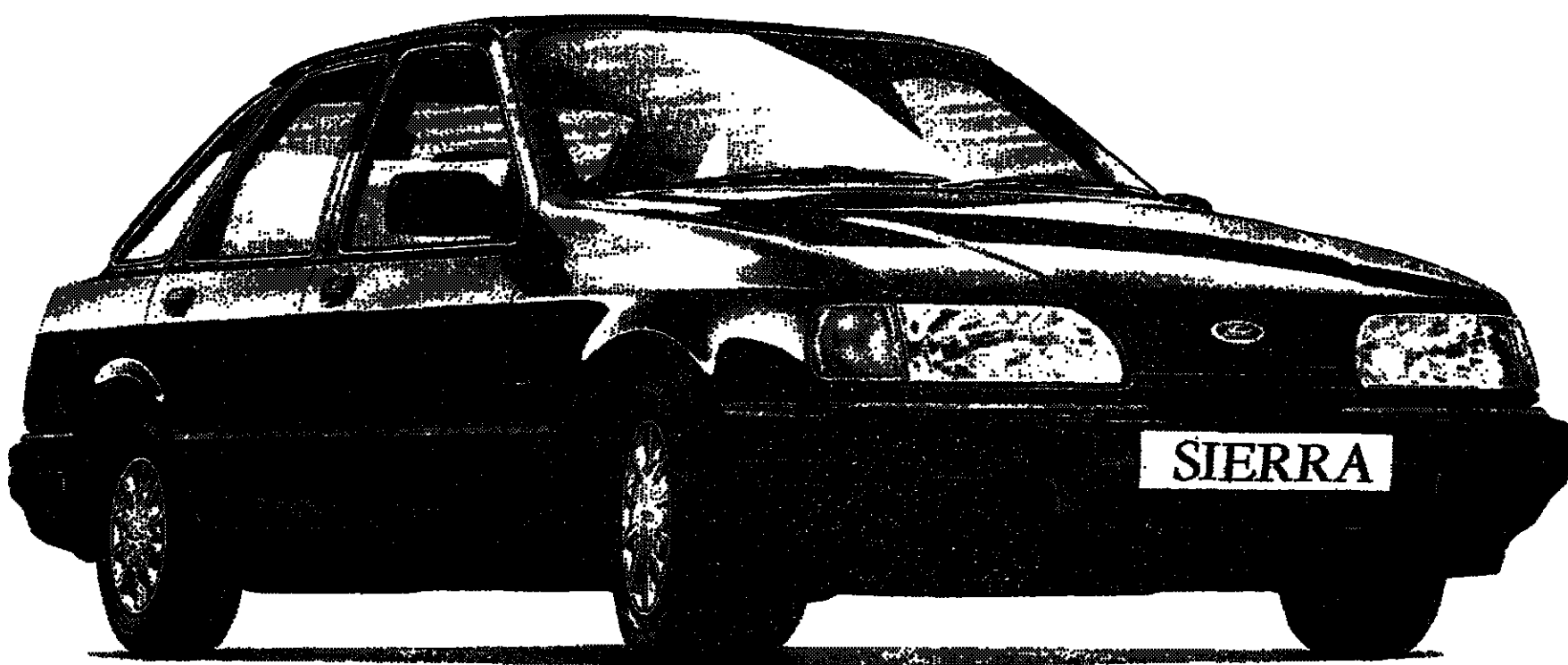
The Bill has been tabled in view of new projections which suggest the Soviet Union could have as many as 1.5 million people HIV-positive by the year 2000. Mr Igor Denisov, the recently appointed Minister of Health, the Soviet Parliament's Chamber of Nationalities yesterday said that the number of HIV-positive individuals in the Soviet Union had escalated since the first case was registered in March, 1987.

There were now 984 people recorded as being infected with the virus, of whom 502 were foreigners; 29 people were ill with full-blown Aids.

One of the new measures, Mr Denisov said, would cost half a billion roubles (£500 million). They would involve legal protection for those registered as ill or infected with the Aids virus. Compulsory Aids tests could be carried out only with the permission of a legal officer, medical officers would be made legally responsible for publishing accurate statistics on the disease, and medical staff who flouted hygiene regulations would be liable for prosecution.

A government commission on combating Aids is also to be set up.

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Victory for Croat right could split Yugoslavia

From Deena Trevisan, Belgrade

DR FRANKO Tudjman's Croatian Democratic Union, patently with a strong leaning to separatism, looks set to sweep away 45 years of Communist rule in the Yugoslav republic of Croatia with a crushing win in the first democratic parliamentary elections.

It won an absolute majority in 51 out of 103 constituencies in Sunday's elections, leaving behind all its rivals, including the reformed communist party.

The communists, who have changed their name to "Democratic Change", were ahead in 37 regions, but partial results from more than half of 196 electoral districts nevertheless showed that very few communist candidates are likely to win an absolute majority and will therefore have to run in the second round set for May 6.

The moderate coalition of National Accord trailed far behind the two main rivals, its support having come from intellectual groups in the towns which, however, was not even enough to provide a majority in more than a few constituencies.

In Slovenia, which embarked on democratic parliamentary elections two

weeks ago, the Communist reformer Mr Milan Kucan, the man who laid the ground for Slovenia's democratic evolution and the main adversary of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian strongman, and his centralist hardline Communism, was elected President in the second round.

But his defeat of Mr Jozef Pucnik, the leader of Demos, the victorious coalition party in the parliamentary elections two weeks ago, is a consolation to the communists.

With two of the six constituent republics now having a democratically elected non-communist representative, Yugoslavia's divisions have been further widened.

The federal Prime Minister, Mr Ante Markovic, himself a communist, was at pains to underline that the Government stood above parties. But the victory of the opposition in Slovenia has reinforced Slovenia's drive for greater autonomy within or break-away from the federation.

But Croatia, the second largest republic, holds the key to the future. Dr Tudjman's CDU win will push the second biggest republic closer to breaking away from the rest of the country.

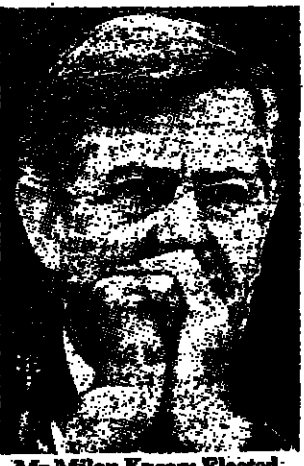
More than two-thirds of the 3½ million electorate voted in Croatia, with tens of thousands of Croats living abroad returning over the weekend to secure victory for Dr Tudjman's party.

The coalition, which stood for moderate nationalism, was ill-assorted and poorly organized. It stood no chance at the time when the popular mood, especially among the young electorate, was not only anti-communist but strongly nationalist.

"You simply could not win on the programme of modernization," a leading Croat intellectual, strongly critical of Dr Tudjman, said. Dr Vlado Gotovac, a poet who himself had spent years in prison for his political views, voiced his personal disappointment. "We Croats do not need a leader, neither communist nor anti-communist but rather parliamentarism and democracy."

Though moderate Mr Gotovac, however, shares the views of many Croats who think that a common life of Serbs and Croats in the same state under the present conditions is impossible.

If common life in a loose confederation fails then nothing else would be left but for each to go his own way. On this all Croats seem to agree.



Mr Milan Kucan, Elected President in Slovenia

Solidarity returns to its roots

From Roger Boyes, Gdansk

SOLIDARITY, the Polish trade union, took a step away from party politics at its second congress yesterday.

"The union will not create its own party," said a motion which was expected to be passed and formally incorporated into the Solidarity programme. "But it does not rule out creating its own trade union representatives in Parliament and local councils."

Dr Leszek Balcerowicz, the Polish Finance Minister, under fire from his Solidarity colleagues, appealed to the union to support his tough austerity programme and ease the pain of unemployment by running job agencies.

But the congress delegates were in no mood to applaud the minister. "How do you intend to handle the social unrest that your policies will cause?" asked one.

Dr Balcerowicz said unemployment was 2 per cent of the workforce, compared to between 8 per cent and 10 per cent in the West. Inflation, he said, had fallen to about 5 per cent in April, and should fall further in May. In the second half of last year it threatened to reach 3,000 per cent.

Delegates accused Dr Balcerowicz of achieving this turn-around only by leading Poland into deep recession.

The congress continued to push for accelerated reforms in the secret and uniformed police. One motion urged that all police officers should be positively vetted to see if they were involved in violence during the martial law period between 1982 and 1983.

Death threat to Hungarian MP

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

A prominent Hungarian MP, Mr Gaspar Miklos Tamas of the Alliance of Free Democrats, has been given police protection after he and his family received death threats from what appears to be a shadowy anti-Semitic movement which has apparently surfaced since Hungary embraced democracy.

The MP, who is of Jewish origin, recently received letters which said his two-year-old daughter would be "disembowelled" on May 5, the day on which the Russian anti-Semitic organization, Pamyar, threatens to stage a pogrom in the Soviet Union.

Although Mr Tamas was flooded with anti-Semitic threats during the recent election campaign which urged him to "go back to Israel" and his posters were defaced with Jewish stars, the most recent spate of hate mail has, he believes, taken on a new and frightening dimension.

"This is not your common or garden death threat from the usual crackpot, but evidence of the emergence of a sinister political underground," he said.

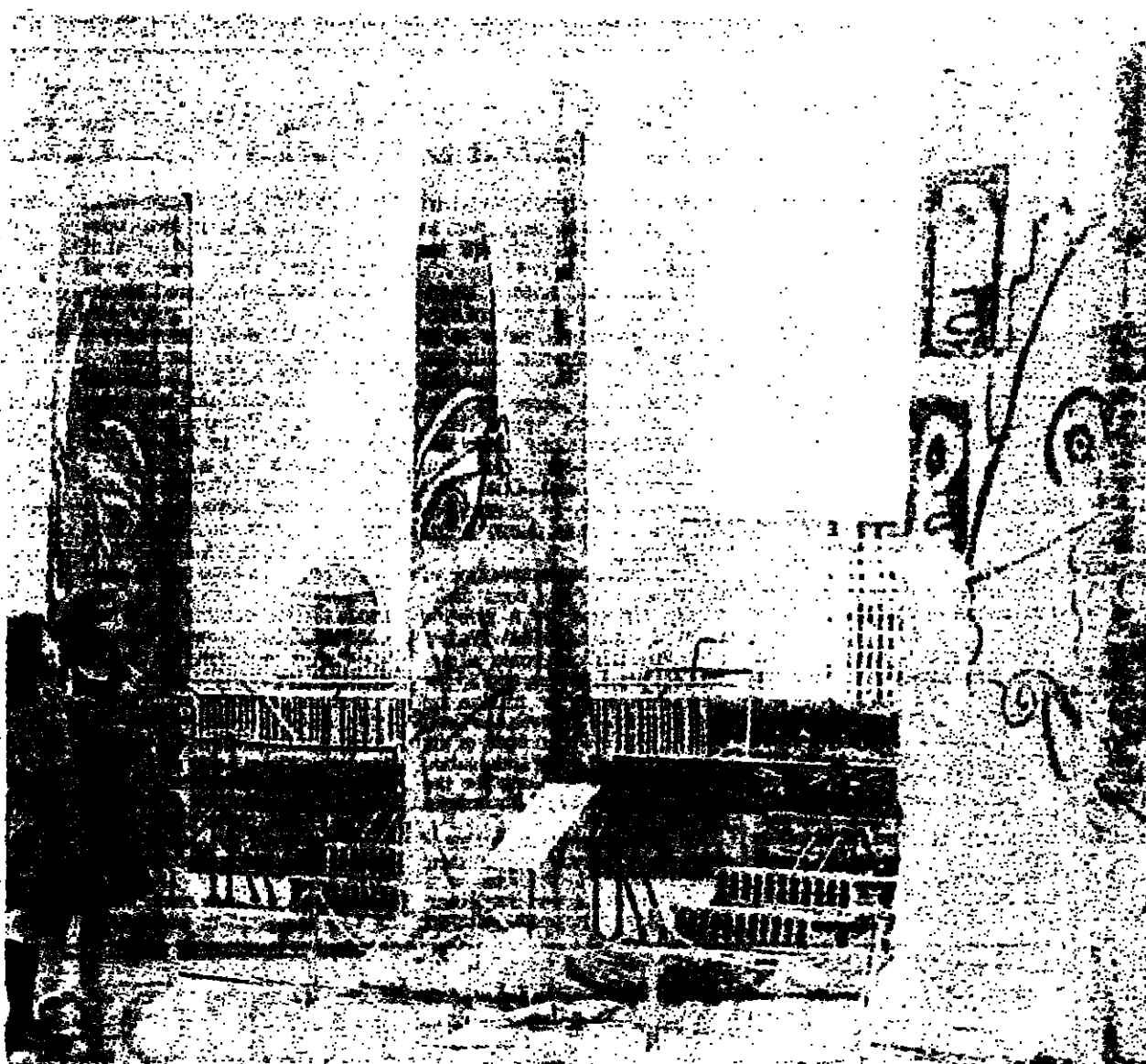
Hungarian police sources say the lifting of the Iron Curtain and the easing of border restrictions has left the door open in Eastern Europe

to Arab drug-running organizations, which might possibly be working with terrorist groups to infiltrate or influence local right-wing political groups.

Circumstantial evidence to support the claim comes from a marked increase in drug trafficking convictions in Hungary of Arab nationals and specific references in the hate literature to historical events in the Middle East which are unlikely to be known by a local organization.

Little if anything is known about the group, although it is thought it might also be responsible for other recent anti-Semitic actions, including the painting of a swastika last week on the memorial in Budapest to Raoul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved the lives of thousands of Jews during the Second World War.

Nevertheless anti-Semitism in Hungary is not a new phenomenon and needs little foreign influence to re-emerge. Since the return to democracy and the advent of a free press there is more widespread information and public knowledge about anti-Jewish actions, including the continuing desecration of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries.



Two Japanese girls looking at segments of the Berlin Wall at a display at a Tokyo department store yesterday. The 10ft-high sections, which weigh three tons, are covered with graffiti on one side but are clean on the other, mute testimony to the fact that the people on the East German side could not get near the Wall.

One-for-one mark offer boosts East Germany

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

THE announcement by Bonn of a proposed conversion rate of one Ostmark to one Deutschmark in the forthcoming currency union left East Germany's fledgling coalition Government a welcome boost to its credibility as a strong bargaining power in the unification negotiations.

The decision is widely seen here as a triumph for the new Government headed by Herr Lothar de Maiziere, the Prime Minister, over the mightier forces of the West German Bundesbank and the economic advisers of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor.

The new government spokesman, Herr Matthias Gehler, interpreted the offer of parity exchange for wages, pensions and savings of up to 4,000 marks (£1,350) as a fulfilment of the conditions set by Herr de Maiziere in his speech to the East German Parliament last week.

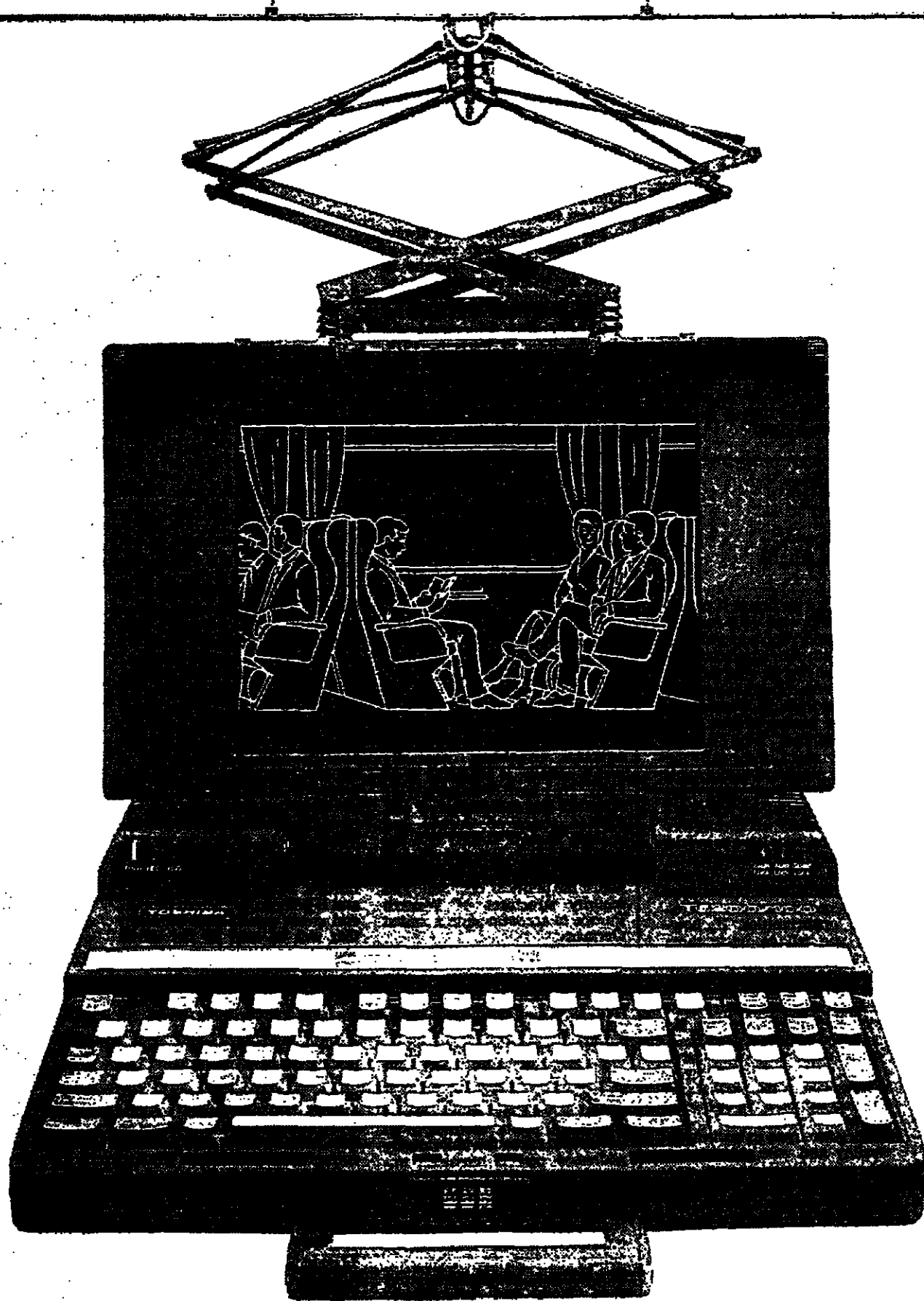
A previously uninspiring speaker widely seen as a cypher for swift unity and currency conversion when he came to power, Herr de Maiziere has emerged unexpectedly over the past few days as the mouth that roared. He said that the East German Government was not prepared to accept an exchange rate of anything less than parity as this would turn East Germans into second-class citizens.

The East German Prime Minister told Herr Kohl that this was the only rate acceptable if East Germans were to be prevented from leaving the country.

He also appears to be taking an increasingly independent line on the interpretation of Article 23, the clause of West German Basic Law by which the unification of the two states is said to proceed.

In an interview with the West German *Die Welt* yesterday he said that he envisaged East Germany maintaining some of its own laws after unification, including the guaranteed right to life abortion.

Putsch denied: The East German Army yesterday denied reports of an intended high-level putsch in its own ranks. According to the East German youth newspaper *Junke Welt*, a group of officers sent a letter to Herr Gerhard Stolteberg, the West German Defence Minister, expressing themselves in favour of the dissolution of the East German Army.



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Prisoners inflamed

Louis Blom-Cooper

While seven prisoners at Strangeways prison continue their mutinous conduct (mutiny as such ceased to be a discrete prison disciplinary offence a few years ago), the inquiry under Lord Justice Woolf can only plan the programme for assembling the massive evidence that it will have to adduce and assimilate. The assessment of that evidence, if it is to go beyond the mere examination of the precipitating causes of the disturbance, will require expert assistance.

Lord Justice Woolf is known to have asked the Home Secretary to appoint two or three such experts from among retired prison officials, Home Office researchers and the field of academic criminology. The use of assessors for non-statutory public inquiries is now modish. In the Hillsborough inquiry, Lord Justice Taylor was assisted by assessors on technical issues relating to crowd control at football stadiums. Lord Justice Butler-Sloss in the Cleveland inquiry on child sex abuse was advised in a similar manner. But it is a technique that should be discouraged. Assessors are neither fish nor fowl in the due process of public investigations of human disasters or social policy issues.

The single High Court judge who is appointed to reflect public confidence in the inquiry and the impartiality of its report may indeed need specialist help in giving proper weight to evidence. The administration of a modern prison system requires detailed and expert knowledge of the complex alchemy of staff-inmate relationships. But if Lord Justice Woolf needs such help he should be given it, either by putting the experts on the tribunal as members or by ensuring that they come before him to give evidence, as they would in a court of law.

The objectionable feature of the system of assessors is that they sit alongside the judge, giving every appearance of being participants in the process of eliciting and evaluating the evidence, but having no vote in deciding issues and no responsibility for writing the report.

Of course, Lord Justice Woolf, by reputation, is likely to pay very great attention to the views of his assessors, and will no doubt involve them in both decision-making and authorship of the report. But the decisions and the report will be his alone.

My experience in chairing two child abuse inquiries in 1985 and 1987 convinced me of the inestimable value of having panel members from relevant disciplines to share the responsibility of making fair and accurate pronouncement on issues of social policy. Lawyers play an important part in the public inquiry process, but they have no monopoly of wisdom on issues that reach beyond the law. Lawyers should

always be on tap, but never on top.

A High Court judge as *primus inter pares* is the right prescription for tribunals that will profoundly influence social policy. This is the more so where, it is confidently predicted, Lord Justice Woolf is being asked to look at the underlying causes of the disturbances, not just at Strangeways but at many other penal establishments. An inquiry merely into the surrounding circumstances of prison uprisings would be viewed publicly as a lost opportunity. There is a desperate need for public understanding of what imprisonment means to those committed to it and to the staff, who are as much prisoners of the system. Our penal system symbolizes failure, folly, wastefulness and inhumanity, and needs to be put under the microscope.

Normally prisoners, like children, are obedient to the authority of the prison governor and his staff, because they acknowledge that they live in a world where obedience is the norm. But if the spell of normality is broken by a challenge (as it was in the prison chapel in Strangeways on April 1), authority is thrown back on forces other than those inculcated by habit and convention.

The instincts of prisoners — creative or self-assertive — are suppressed in the crush of imprisonment. Touched off by a single act of gross disobedience, these instincts are released explosively in the exhilaration of defiant action. The tendency to independent, aggressive acts of destruction of the prison and the continued denial to authority of its right (and duty) to exercise power of control and management is all the greater because prison has failed largely to provide any outlet for these instincts.

The prison service in England and Wales has failed in that regard, not because of unwillingness to recognize the demands upon the service, but because, under the pressure of two decades of almost relentless overcrowding, it has been unable to achieve enough towards developing a civilized prison system.

The penal system needs to be turned inside out. Imprisonment has remained obstinately the core of the system, with valiant efforts by sentencers to find ways of keeping offenders out of prison. The starting point to a rational penal policy should always be treatment in the community with imprisonment to be used as a last resort for those serious offenders who manifestly have to be removed out of harm's way because of their dangerousness. To proclaim such a dramatic reversal in penal policy ought to command the voice of more than just a wise and humane judge.

The author has been vice-president of the Howard League for Penal Reform since 1984.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

We had Max to stay for the weekend. He came on Thursday evening, and he left an hour ago, and what I am currently wondering is whether the experiences of this weekend will affect Max for the rest of his life.

Not that any of those experiences seemed momentous at the time. It was a normal weekend, a few meals, a few drinks, and, as you would expect from Max, if you knew him, a few laughs. Max is a gas. At dinner on Thursday, Max put his spoon in his ear, got a laugh, and never looked back. Did the spoon routine three days running. Got a laugh every time.

Whether it will be incorporated into his permanent repertoire, time alone will tell. Tommy Cooper did the hat number for 30 years. The spoon act doesn't bother me. Were you wondering what did bother me, the magic door would be a good place to start.

We were in the green bathroom at the time. Max took me aside after dinner and confided his pressing need, so I showed him to the green bathroom, and when he saw it he was knocked out. He had never seen a green bathroom before. His bathroom at home was blue, he said. He became so animated about the green bathroom, he could think of little else. He forgot why he was there. I reminded him. Max pointed out that the bathroom cabinet was green. He asked if he could open its door. I said it was a magic door, and it opened only when you did a wee-wee. You know the rest. The magic door opened a lot during the next four days.

Friday lunchtime there was nobody else about, so Max and I played with our food. We had a terrific time. Who would think you could build a passable elephant out of mashed potato? And once you've built it and it has a name, how can you possibly eat it? You eat ice-cream instead. Then, if you're two years old, it gives you an idea. You want to go to the Zoo. The person you're lunching with doesn't want to go to the Zoo, but if you turn your lip down, he chucks in the sponge. He would not if he were your father or mother, but your father and mother are in Paris, and you have not been slow to twig that

an uncle is a pushover. If you do not want to wear your coat for the Zoo and your uncle tries to get you into your coat, after a bit your uncle says oh what the hell.

That is the difference between uncles and fathers. Fathers are inflexible because fathers have responsibilities. With fathers, you sit there until all the mashed potato is eaten; with fathers, you wear your coat when you go out, or you don't go out. Fathers are sticklers for the acorn-oak theory. Fathers treat zoos as educational opportunities. If, however, you tell an uncle three times that a polar bear is a lion, an uncle says oh what the hell. Nor does an uncle know whether your parents demand-fed you Smarties. Or care. He wants you to have a good time. Fathers don't want you to have a good time. Fathers want you to have a clean face so that one day you can be a big cheese in corporate finance.

They want you to be healthy, wealthy and wise. Uncles, on the other hand, should you reappear at 9.30, dragging a teddy by its ear through the middle of *Jeeves and Wooster*, will chortle at your identification of Stephen Fry as Postman Pat, and let you stay up.

They also differ markedly from fathers on the question of literature. Fathers wish to instill respect for books as the precious life-blood of a master spirit. Uncles, should you begin pulling books from the shelves, will actually help you build them into a house, and if the one book big enough for a door happens to be *Hogarth's Complete Engravings*, an item only marginally improved by chocolate thumbprints, what the hell.

But, as I watched him toddle down the path just now, I felt a slight unease. Life's programming is a capricious enterprise: the odd rogue moment may wield disproportionate influence. If Kane hadn't had a sledge called Rosebud...

Woodrow Wyatt urges the West to stand up to Gorbachov over Lithuania

Blockade that demands to be broken

The Soviet Union, like Hitler, has always lied on a grand scale. Until this month it brazenly maintained that it was the Nazis, not the Russians, who massacred the 10,000 Polish officers at Katyn Forest in 1940. Fearful of offending the Soviet Union, governments, including our own, acquiesced in the lie. Mr Gorbachov is still telling the big lie about the Baltic states, and we are still acquiescing in it.

The three Baltic states, all of them prosperous, signed treaties with the Soviet Union in 1920 by which Moscow unreservedly recognized their sovereignty "for eternity". All became members of the League of Nations. Moscow subsequently made non-aggression treaties with them. Then the 1939 Nazi-Soviet pact gave the green light to Stalin to seize the Baltic states, whenever convenient for him. This he did in 1940, savagely incorporating them into the Soviet Union.

Elections were held with only communist candidates allowed. By mistake the Tass London office reported the predictable result before the polling stations closed. It is on this basis, and this alone, that Mr Gorbachov insists that the

Baltic states freely became Soviet republics and can be allowed to depart, if at all, only on his conditions.

The murders, arrests, imprisonment and deportations of hundreds of thousands, never to be seen again, began when Stalin first marched in. They continued throughout the three-year Nazi occupation from August 1941, there not being any detectable difference between Nazi and communist methods. Once Moscow was back in control, it resumed its remorseless, brutal colonization.

The population composition of the three states has been deliberately distorted by a massive influx of Russians. Of Latvia's two and a half million people, 47 per cent are non-Latvians, and 35 per cent of Estonia's 1.5 million are non-Estonians. Lithuania has fared better, with 80 per cent of its population still being Lithuanian. This doubtless accounts for the brave lead taken by Lithuania in defying Moscow.

All three nations know that if they do not soon regain their independence, the Russians, with their colonization and imposition of the Russian language, will start

to claim that the natives are not in the majority in their own countries: a similar situation to that of the Fijians when they found themselves outnumbered by Indians. Even Russian troops stationed in the Baltic states have a right to vote in their elections.

One of Gorbachov's conditions is compensation for the communist state factories and other enterprises set up by Moscow since the war. This is a grisly, sick joke. All state and private property — housing, businesses, investments and so on — was confiscated without compensation by Stalin. It is Moscow that should pay compensation for destroying the economies of countries which had once flourished precisely because they were not run by Soviet communism.

It is laughable that some Western politicians believe the big Russian lie that the economies of the Baltic states today and in the future are dependent on the Soviet Union. Disentangled from the Soviet Union, and with some aid from the West, they would soon thrive. The Baltic states already have a much higher standard of living than the hinterland, which is why the Russian immigrants

want to stay there permanently. Britain, the US and other major countries have never ceased to assert the illegality of the Soviet occupation and to recognize the *status quo ante*. Yet when Lithuania pleads with us to recognize its first freely elected government and president for decades, we look the other way: dear Mr Gorbachov must not be upset, and how dreadful it would be if the Russian empire broke up.

We supported Mr Gorbachov because he said he was for reform. No longer, it seems. He has acquired new dictatorial powers from a compliant parliament not properly elected. In more or less free elections the Communists lost Leningrad and Moscow. Neither Mr Gorbachov nor the Communist Party could win a free election anywhere in the Soviet Union, whether in the Russian-majority areas or in regions such as Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Byelorussia.

The Russian empire is dissolving. We will be interfering in Soviet internal affairs if we try to stop it — and will be foolish too. The Soviet Union is monolithic by force alone, and not by the will of its non-Russian parts. We gave

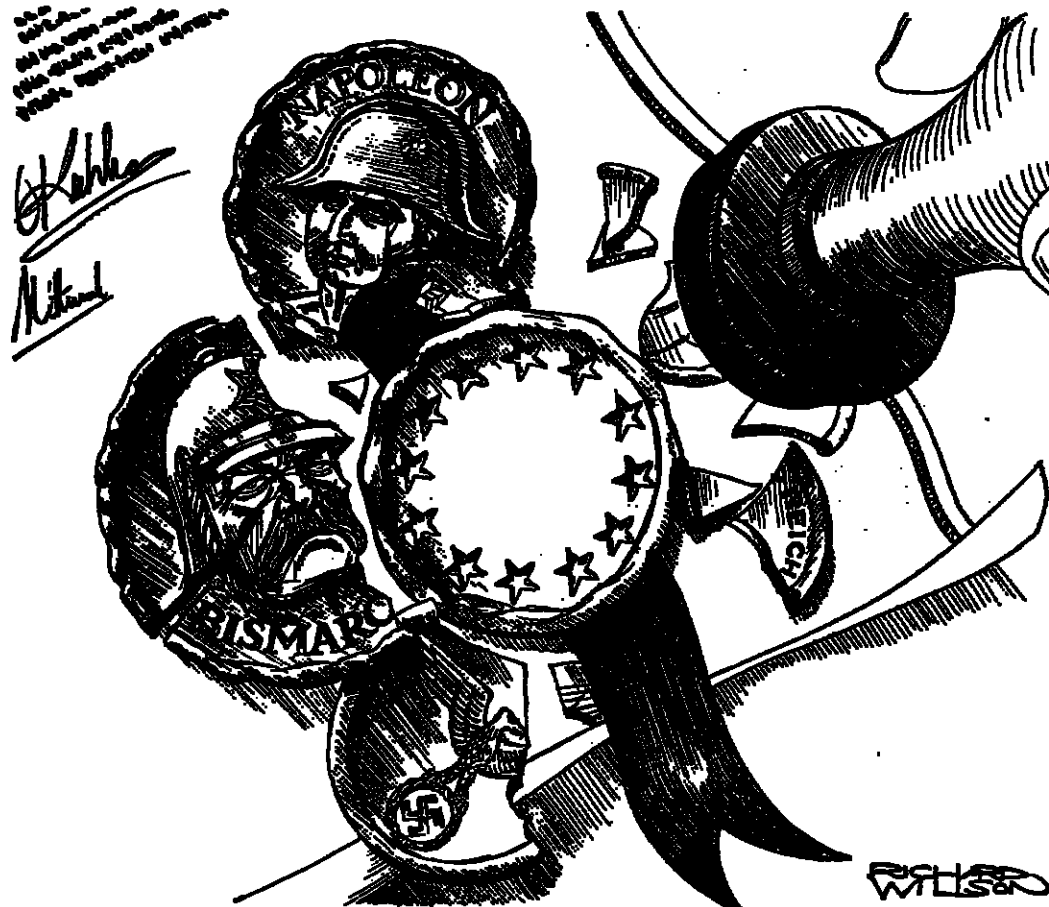
up our empire without endangering the world, and ending the Russian empire would do the world no damage, probably much good, as the new countries burst through the chains of communism to develop their trade and ours. It would be fine if Mr Gorbachov could see this, as most Soviet citizens do. If not, he will be overthrown, not for starting the process of reform but for ending it.

Meanwhile it is more dangerous for us to let the blockade of Lithuania succeed than it would be for us to ensure that it does not. It would be as discreditable as Chamberlain's forcing Czechoslovakia to surrender to Hitler, thereby encouraging him to further crimes. To encourage Gorbachov to perpetuate the Soviet Union's crime against the Baltic states would make him feel that the West will leave him alone, however repressive Moscow is.

For should Mr Gorbachov's bluff and send the Lithuanians the oil, gas and other supplies they need. He could not realize without wrecking the improvement of Soviet relations with the West, which are so important to him if he is to survive at all.

A new commonwealth in need of British support

Michael Howard sees Western Europe's wealth and stability as the basis for a united continent



past characterized their conduct of foreign affairs. Their neighbours will have to outgrow fear and resentment rooted in the experience of an unforgettable past. But now that half a century has passed since the last and most terrible of our wars, it should not be too much to expect that the people of Europe can learn amicably to live together, building on the institutions that have already brought them prosperity as well as peace.

In all this Britain should be playing a leading part, but it is not, and we all know why. The heart of the Foreign Secretary, like that of his predecessors, is in the right place. But the will can come only from Downing Street, where apparently there still lingers that sour mixture of arrogance and timidity towards Europe which has proved so disastrous in the past.

It was an attribute that kept us aloof from the Continent, with lethal consequences, before 1914 and again before 1939. It continued to misguide our policy for a decade of lost opportunities after 1945. In her feelings, it must be admitted, the Prime Minister is not untypical of many of her fellow countrymen. But it is an attitude regarded by most observers overseas with contempt and, by Britain's friends, with something like despair.

If we fail to build a viable European Commonwealth, the results will be all too predictable. Germany's economic dominance will create increasing friction with its neighbours east and west — friction that will provoke resentment within Germany and growing tension within the Community. France will defiantly play its own hand in Central Europe and elsewhere. The states of Central Europe will be left to flounder without coherent help and guidance. The United States will become increasingly exasperated; and Britain itself will sink further into sullen, impoverished isolation.

European statesmen today have an opportunity to build a peaceful order on their continent such as rarely comes more than once in a hundred years. If they neglect it, posterity will not forgive them.

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Shock tactics just too shocking

The stunt in which anti-abortion campaigners sent plastic models of 20-week fetuses to MPs has gone down... well just as one would expect 650 plastic fetuses to go down. Dozens of the individually addressed parcels remained unopened at the House of Commons post office yesterday, and the staff of several MPs, including Edward Heath, said they had binmed the offensive packages immediately. Others — including secretaries who had had miscarriages — did open them and immediately wished they hadn't. One said: "Even those of us who sympathize with the campaign to reduce the abortion time limit were shocked and disgusted. It is over the top." Ann Widdecombe, Conservative MP for Maidstone and a leader of the pro-life movement, conceded that the campaign had caused considerable distress and apologized to those who had been offended. But she insisted: "The reaction shows how effective the stunt has been."

Just the ticket

The Labour Party grows ever fonder of the free market. The small sum of £414 will purchase a ticket to hear the party's Treasury team, John Smith and Margaret Beckett, at a seminar for City folk in June. About 70 "decision-makers" from the nation's boardrooms will attend, paying a total of more than £30,000. Simon Crue, general secretary of the Fabian Society, which is organizing the event,

sounded only slightly embarrassed about the cost of tickets yesterday. He says the price is based on charges for other City conferences; for years Labour had been underpricing itself. Crue adds: "The conference is about changing minds and making money, although not necessarily in that order. There is nothing wrong in the new Labour Party being entrepreneurial." The growing army of unemployed bankers will be disappointed to discover that they are not being offered Labour's customary half-price concession to the unwaged.

Royal regard

Although 79 and dependent on a pacemaker, Mother Theresa is to visit Britain in July — and can expect a further tangible tribute from the Queen, who bestowed on her an honorary Order of Merit when visiting India in 1983. Although Buckingham Palace says no plans have been made, it seems unlikely that the Queen will miss this opportunity to mark her appreciation of Mother Theresa's work in Calcutta. Mother Theresa will also meet the Princess of Wales at the 16th International Conference on the Family at Brighton and will attend the annual reveal of the British co-workers of her order.

Monumental blue

The Soviet media reported proudly yesterday that as a sign of the changing times, this year's 120th anniversary of Lenin's birth was the first since the revolution not to witness the unveiling of a new Lenin monument. They missed one. The official army newspaper reported on its



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front page that indeed one new monument had been erected for the anniversary. Where? Believe it or not, in a Soviet army barracks near Kaunas, in Lithuania. Or could it be that Soviet journalists now regard Lithuania as a foreign country?

Turning in grave

Disgruntled descendants of the painter J.M.W. Turner celebrated his birthday yesterday with a tea party at the Turner Society's London office, still arguing nearly 150 years after his death that the terms of his will have never been properly met. They insist that Turner left the contents of his studio — hundreds of oils and thousands of watercolours and drawings — to the nation, on condition that a gallery was built to house them and named the Turner Gallery. The Clore Gallery, which houses part of the collection, has not satisfied his descendants. One of them, Ivor Turner, whose father spent a great deal of money at the turn of the century challenging the alleged perjury, said yesterday that as the will had not been followed, "either cash or some of the pictures" should be returned to the family.

Another point in Turner's will was not followed to the letter. He asked to be buried with his "Dido Building Caligula" as a shroud. Happily, instead of rotting in the earth, the picture now hangs in the National Gallery.

Hollisgram

Labour's leading lady-in-waiting, Patricia Hollis, who takes her seat in the House of Lords next month, is hard at work on the authorized biography of that other Labour leading lady, the late Jennie Lee. Hollis, who was the only woman among the five working Labour peers named earlier this month, has been asked to write the biography of the former Labour minister and wife of Aneurin Bevan by the executors of her estate, Michael Foot and Lord Goodman. Jennie Lee was the first Minister for the Arts in Harold Wilson's 1960s administration, founded the Open University, and was made a life peer in 1970. She died in November 1988. Hollis, who is expected to be on Labour's front bench in the Lords, says it is a fascinating task, but not without difficulties. She never met Jennie Lee, and many of those most closely connected with her are dead. Undeterred, Hollis hopes to complete the book over the summer. This, and her elevation to the peerage, may lead her to stand down from Norwich City Council and go part-time at the University of East Anglia, where she is Dean of English. "The Lords will be the centre of my working life," she insists — but refuses to say whether she fancies the job once held by her biographical subject, for which she might face strong opposition

from would-be Hampstead MP Glenda Jackson.

Again the victor

Fully recovered from his successful libel action against Count Tolstoy, 75-year-old Lord Aldington was in fine form on the links at the Royal St George's in Sandwich over the weekend. He inflicted the only defeat on a *Times* journalist as the newspaper recorded an eight-one win in its first contest with the Parliamentary Golfing Association. Among those going down to defeat at the hands of the scribes were Tory MPs Michael Morris, the team captain, Tim Yeo, Andrew MacKay and David Martin, and Lord Deedes. Aldington's win was dramatic. With six holes left to play, he was four down to an opponent almost half his age but came back to coast to victory one up. He was accompanied throughout his round by a Labrador named Jet (a reference to its colour, not speed) whose presence did nothing for the swing of the *Times* man. Deedes, a neighbour of Lord Aldington in Kent, said afterwards: "It is always worth three strokes when he takes the dog with him." The respected journalist who let down the *Times* side remains anonymous while a suitable price for silence is negotiated.

On the ball

It is good to learn that humour remains a potent weapon in South Africa's black townships. "What's the difference between Nelson Mandela and Liverpool Football Club?" goes the latest Soweto joke. Answer: "Mandela got to Wembley."

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A QUESTION OF TOLERANCE

Two questions lie before Members of Parliament this week, on which many have found it hard to make up their minds. One concerns the regulation of research into human embryos, the other a possible amendment to the legal time limit on abortion. Whatever their decisions, they are being asked how, in a secular, plural society, one of whose cardinal principles is tolerance, of differing points of view, public policy is to be determined.

These two issues are peculiarly difficult in that context. They both concern a philosophical and even metaphysical question about the beginning of the existence of human life, and about the duty of the community to defend that life once it is recognized. The meaning of the term "human life" is not self-evident. People tend to choose their definition and select their preferred moral calculus according to the result they want to achieve.

Law does not determine the morality of an action. It seeks to interpret that morality only where society has concluded that regulation is needed to enforce it. Lying is generally regarded as wrong, but only in special circumstances is it taken note of by the law. Adultery is a similar case. The real issue is not whether there should be any line at all between public and private morality, but where that line is to be drawn. Denying any role for legal regulation, tolerating everything in a spirit of liberalism, would itself be intolerant of those who strongly favour restriction.

There may be those, though they have not been vocal in recent argument, who believe that all tampering with the human embryo from the moment of egg fertilization may be wrong, but that it should never be subject to criminal sanction. There are others who wish the law to treat any such tampering as murder. Both groups of moral absolutists have been forced by public opinion to play by the relativists' rules. They have become embroiled in the argument over time limits. That is, even for them, the "lesser of two evils".

The differences over the morality of embryo research and abortion are narrower than they might seem. Nobody would maintain that abortion, or the deformities that embryo research seeks to eliminate, are good things. The predicament of the few parents who personally face these questions is an agonizing one and others intrude on their anguish at risk of hypocrisy. Even those who advocate a complete "woman's right to choose" (or a

scientist's right) do not push that as far as the 39th week of pregnancy or unrestricted embryology experimentation. Most agree that at some point in time, determined by some judgement of the independent viability of the foetus, the law has to impose regulation.

Parliament has been right to approach these issues as an agency not of governmental authority but of direct democracy. The whips have been off and votes have been free. Some research on embryos is accepted as progress by the majority of the country. Similarly, in passing the Abortion Law Reform Act in 1967, Parliament responded to what was perceived as public acceptability. The change in favour of abortion in Britain is likely to be permanent, but that has not eliminated continued debate about the date of termination. The problem of where to draw the line will thus continue.

In the case of embryos, the Warnock committee's case for a 14-day limit was as convincing a statement of where sanity should rest as can be hoped for. The committee attempted to adjudicate where, for instance, assistance in eliminating inherited disease was outweighed by public aversion to experiments with fertilized eggs. It would be like to pretend that such a limit is for all time, but for now the public would appear to accept it.

In the case of abortion, the debate has surrounded the concept of independent viability of the foetus. As medical techniques have advanced, the case for an earlier limit on termination has become stronger — as a number of doctors experienced in this field write in *The Times* today. A reduction from 28 weeks to 24 weeks appears at present to enjoy majority expert opinion.

What remains, however, is tolerance. The task of drawing a line in a matter which some people regard as of life and death will never be uncontroversial. Since this life and death is close to the personal experience of many, the controversy will naturally be heated. But that is why Parliament exists and that is why good democrats accept the rule of law, even when they may disagree with its conclusions.

But tolerance is still to play for. These are moral issues of a high order. Those who feel their views have been overridden by the chariots of democracy may owe obedience to the law. But tolerance and respect is also owed to those whose religious and moral convictions leave them deeply disturbed.

ASSAD'S CHOICE

Syria's role in the release of Mr Robert Polhill, one of three American academics seized 39 months ago in Beirut, demonstrates that where the "Islamic" will "governments" which have allowed groups such as Islamic Jihad to flourish in territories they control will find a way to liberate their victims. That consideration should temper the gratitude the Syrian Government expects of the West.

It should not be forgotten that it was via Syria that Iranian terrorism penetrated Lebanon, or that the Palestinian group headed by Mr Ahmed Jibril, which is believed to have been responsible for the blowing up of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie in December 1988, still operates out of Damascus. Professor Polhill's two colleagues remain in captivity, as do other Western hostages, suggesting that both Iran and Syria still see innocent Western captives as bargaining chips.

Even so, the scope for diplomacy increases when hostages are at least seen to be more valuable alive and free than captive or subjected to video-taped executions. President Assad's decision probably reflects his customary pragmatism rather than any sudden conversion to the rule of law. That is the basis on which Damascus should be pressed to come in from the cold.

The pressure so far has stemmed from the gradual reversal of the two superpowers' roles in Syria. Since 1987, Washington has been steadily moving from confrontation to accommodation in its relations with President Assad, while keeping Syria firmly out of the peace talks it is attempting to launch between Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians. The decisive counterpoint to American diplomacy has been the changed stance of Syria's traditional patron, the Soviet Union.

Syria was put under notice that Moscow could no longer afford, and no longer needed,

to support embarrassing allies with the arrival last year as Soviet Ambassador to Damascus of Mr Alexander Zolov, a senior Arabist responsible for the Middle East desk whose good connections with Israel were well known in Damascus. He informed President Assad that Moscow was not prepared to bankroll attempts to achieve military parity with Israel. Syria should therefore explore the possibilities of negotiation with Israel, and listen to its Western critics.

The message appears to have been taken. Publicly, President Assad continues to call for a jihad against Israel. Behind the scenes, there have been diplomatic feelers, reinforced by messages that Syria was prepared at some point to talk, conveyed to the Israeli Government by such visitors to Damascus as former President Carter. Syria's help in the release of Mr Polhill fits in this broader pattern of accommodation.

The case for a restoration of British relations with Syria, broken off in 1986 in the light of clear evidence of official Syrian involvement in the attempted destruction of an El Al airliner, might look stronger in the light of these trends. It is not yet decisive.

The Government's firm action in 1986 has paid off. Contrary to predictions, British nationals have not become prime targets for terrorism nor have British relations with other Arab states suffered. President Assad's credentials cannot be accepted while Mr Terry Waite and other Britons remain hostages in Lebanon, where Syria has 40,000 troops deployed, and while Syria continues to shelter Mr Jibril's group.

The route to resuming diplomatic ties was clearly charted in 1986. It starts in Damascus, and there is no reason for the British Government yet to redraw the map.

CULTURE AND THE CLASSROOM

To condemn as racist the decision to agree to a parent's request that her daughter be transferred from a school where she has apparently been taught to recite nursery rhymes in Urdu shows muddled prejudice. That is what the Commission for Racial Equality has done in stigmatising a decision by Mr John MacGregor, the Secretary of State for Education, to uphold the agreement of Cleveland County Council to the girl's transfer. This is, says the Commission, "a potential charter for racism".

Equally misguided is the assertion by some Islamic spokesmen that the decision betrays their campaign for state-funded separate Muslim schools. The issue here is not one of sectarian or racially divided schools; it concerns the relationship between education and the cultural environment.

The meanings of the words "race" and "racism" are always highly disputable. But the absurdity of the allegation of racism in this case is thrown into relief by the fact that the child in question happens to be of mixed race. The question at issue is clear and simple. What is to be done when parents who wish their child to be educated adequately in the majority English-language culture find that precious class-time is being given to bolstering the cultural background of a group which is large in the school but in a minority in the country as a whole?

This is not the first time the question has been in the public eye. It underlay the case of the Bradford headmaster, Mr Ray Honeyford, who was driven from his job for raising the difficulties faced by English culture children in schools in which they were the minority. The

Bristol teacher, Mr Jonathan Savery, faced a long campaign, which eventually led to his redundancy, because he insisted that his essential job in multi-cultural education was to teach English, not "multi-culturalism", to children, who lacked it. Three years ago, parents in Dewsbury, after taking court action on educational grounds for the transfer of their children from a school which was nearly 90 per cent Asian, won a victorious settlement.

To say that state schools should give priority to education in the English language and culture does not imply that minorities should not take action to ensure that their children keep their original cultural links. They have their example in the Muslim and Jewish schools which already exist — as educational supplements outside ordinary school hours.

Nor are the decision of the Cleveland County Council to allow this transfer, and Mr MacGregor's rejection of the CRE's ruling against it, signs that parental choice overrides all other considerations. Mr MacGregor has simply recognized the fact that parents have had the legal right since 1980 to ask for their children to be transferred without giving reasons, with local education authorities still having the right to determine feasibility.

Those who are genuinely concerned to foster good relations between different racial and cultural communities should be wary of making accusations of racism against parents seeking an education for their children suitable for the society in which they will live. Such accusations are more likely to breed racism than to prevent it.

Gestation limit for abortion

From Dr D. B. Painin and others
Sir, As senior consultant gynaecologists, we support the provisions of the Abortion Act 1967. We consider that gynaecologists should continue to be able to provide legal termination of pregnancy up to 24 weeks when this is necessary to protect physical or mental health and, in exceptional circumstances, beyond that limit when the foetus is gravely abnormal or the life of the mother is threatened by continuation of the pregnancy.

Late abortions are always performed after the most careful consideration of all the circumstances and with great reluctance. This is shown by the fact that in 1988 only 22 abortions (of an annual total of 183,000) were performed after the 24th week and less than 2 per cent of all abortions were performed after the 20th week.

Gynaecologists need to retain the discretion they currently have to perform late abortion on the relatively rare occasions when this is necessary. A gestation limit of less than 24 weeks would force some women to continue a pregnancy in the face of a serious threat to their health or in spite of grave abnormality in the foetus.

Yours etc,
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JOSEPHINE BARNES,
LEONARD BARON, R. W. BEARD,
HERBERT BRANT, PETER DUGGORY,
DENYS V. L. FAIRWEATHER,
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GILLIAN LACHLAIN, TOM LIND,
JOHN MCCABE,
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Costly staff

From Mr M. A. Weston
Sir, Mr Hughes (April 17) complains of the problems that arise from the Lister case in which it was held that employees of insolvent companies could not be made redundant in anticipation of the sale of a business.

The decision in that case is of course based on the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations, 1981, and an EC directive of February, 1977.

It is not merely a question of a recent change in the law. The law has been as it is for some nine years, but it is merely a question of the English courts' interpretation of that law. Indeed, the decisions over the years have been leaning towards the inevitable result of Lister and as long ago as 1984 the Employment Appeal Tribunal pointed out that where an employee's contract is continued by virtue of the regulations, the transferee who plans to employ him would be liable for a redundancy payment.

The usual and practical solution for this problem is usually reflected in the reduction of the purchase price. Maybe one should be looking at the price being asked for insolvent businesses to establish whether this is the depressing factor in the sale of businesses to which Mr Hughes refers.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. WESTON,
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Sanctions in S Africa

From Mr R. C. Green
Sir, Having recently spent a month in South Africa I am somewhat mystified about the so-called sanctions. Mercedes Benz, BMW, Opel, Volkswagen, Ford, Nissan and Toyota are all assembled in South Africa. I understand that BMW are spending some 500 million rand launching the new 3 series. In shoe shops the products of Italy were much in evidence as were all domestic machines from the same country.

Most affluent blacks were seen to be driving in very large shiny new Mercedes Benz and I noticed from the television that this was the make of vehicle favoured by Mr Mandela.

Mrs Thatcher seems to be unpopular with our European partners, Mr Mandela and the Labour Party for wishing to withdraw all sanctions, but it would appear to me that she is the only honest broker.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GREEN,
The Whithorn Farms, Lyonsall, Kingston, Herefordshire,
April 17.

Poll tax disquiet

From Mrs Caroline Chamberlain
Sir, In our dealing with clients seeking advice about the community charge and our work dealing with the winding up of estates of deceased persons, two particular applications of the rules laid down for the community charge, which in our view are unfair in their operation, have come to our attention.

The first concerns the position where a deceased person was the only occupier of his main residence which then becomes subject to the standard community charge. Until the grant of probate, the multiplier for the standard community charge is zero, and remains thus for three months. The multiplier is then set

Europe and the monetary dilemma

From Mr Michael Heseltine, MP for Henley (Conservative)
Sir, I share the views expressed by Sir Geoffrey Howe in your columns today (April 23). I find it depressing that over 30 years after Britain's initial misjudgement, which allowed the Franco-German alliance to enshrine its self-interest in the Treaty of Rome, Tim Congdon ("Do they really intend to scrap the pound?", April 17) seems unable to see the central question.

If they believe it to be necessary, our Continental friends are perfectly prepared to proceed without us. We can influence them only by persuasion. I believe it would be unforgivable to expose the present supremacy of the City of London to a growing coherence of European economic and monetary arrangements designed in our absence.

Mr Congdon may find such a policy defensible. I do not. The precise form of the arrangements, as Sir Geoffrey points out, all to play for. Our self-interest demands that we are in there, doing just that.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL HESELTINE,
House of Commons.
From Mrs Margaret Daly, MEP for Somerset and Dorset West (Conservative)
Sir, Mr Congdon may be right to question whether EMU (European Monetary Union) is unavoidable. On the other hand, when he cites the merits of the pound sterling as a currency for long-term contracts, he is on shakier ground.

For example, an endowment policy, technically written in

pounds sterling 20 years ago, will pay the policyholder in debauched 1990 pounds in return for a series of premiums, which will have been paid in 1970 pounds, 1971 pounds and so on over the years. Conversely in the case of another popular long-term contract, mortgages, people borrow the initial principle in the pounds sterling applicable at the outset and then repay the capital in ever-declining pounds. Either process may not quite be the death of a thousand cuts but it is a pretty painful reality.

Similarly, Mr Congdon does the debate on our long-overdue membership of the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) little justice. Obviously our non-membership has isolated us but, much more important, it has cost us dear in the resultant higher inflation and higher interest rates which we now "enjoy". Indeed, Mr Congdon, who has long espoused fiscal and monetary rectitude, must wince at the impact our exceptional, ex-ERM inflation has had on industry's costs and overheads, public sector wage claims, central and local government spending, the poll tax and our Budget surplus.

Mr Congdon has set out many of the issues which the EMU debate must address. He has failed to demonstrate that the pound sterling is either independent, invulnerable or non-volatile in a world dominated by the yen, the dollar and pre-unification marks. Yours faithfully,
MARGARET DALY,
The Old School House,
Aisholt, Spaxton,
Bridgewater, Somerset.

Prison unrest

From Mrs J. C. Veale, JP
Sir, Explosions of unrest in penal establishments would be much less likely if the public demanded its entitlement. For the most part the public acts as if some 46,000 fellow citizens, costing the taxpayer in excess of £750 million per annum, do not exist. A quiescent prison population attracts little public interest.

A public caring sufficiently to demand a proper account of the prison system would want to know why appropriate asylum is not found for thousands of mentally disturbed and seriously socially inadequate prisoners and why it is necessary to remand juveniles to overflowing adult prisons.

A judicious public would understand that "slopping out" and idleness are conducive to disorder and would demand the proliferation of positive regimes knowing that good order and discipline is more likely to prevail where conditions are civilized and where meaningful occupation and education for prisoners is available.

Inevitably the majority of prisoners are released into the community. Therefore it is in the interest of the public to demand prison regimes which improve an offender's chances of finding a home and employment and reduce the risks of reoffending.

The seeming intractability of the problems which have bedevilled the prison service for years is aggravated by the prevail-

ing out-of-sight, out-of-mind attitude of the taxpaying public. Privatizing prisons would be seen as unnecessary if the public became concerned and interested enough to demand of the Home Office regular and full accounts of the administration of the prison estate and the treatment of prisoners. Yours faithfully,
JUDY VEALE (Member),
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Yelverton, Devon.

From Mr P. J. Saunders
Sir, When events such as those at Strangeways happen the first and immediate action is to bring them under control by firm and prompt action — not by endless negotiation.

The result of procrastination by those concerned is millions of pounds worth of damage to that prison, which will have to be paid for by taxpayers, the loss of respect for authority as epitomised by the copycat riots in other prisons and consequent injury and damage.

It is however refreshing to read that in the case of Bristol, their management acted promptly and with firmness in putting down incipient trouble. Would that Strangeways had done the same a week ago.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. SAUNDERS,
Charmwood, Pyrford Road,
Woking, Surrey,
April 10.

Teachers' doubts

From Miss P. A. Wootton
Sir, Teachers' concerns over local management of schools (LMS) are that the schools will not be given additional staff for the extra administrative work involved in local financial management. Teachers will be expected to add to that which they already do.

The smart response is that schools can employ additional staff. If the initial budget is not big enough, some cuts in services will be inevitable. The teachers, not the funding authority, will be held responsible and perhaps castigated in *The Times* for not being far-sighted and professional.

Yours faithfully,
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Stone-cold in Wilts?

From Mr Andrew Ferrier
Sir, I read Mr Hayes's letter (April 19) about the long cold walk to the proposed Stonehenge visitors' centre/hypocaust centre with interest. I have considerable experience of walking — or should I say marching — on Salisbury Plain, having once been an infantry officer, and would like to explain that hypocaust centres are not new. In my day they were known as trenches.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW FERRIER,
Gatcombe House, Heath Road,
Petersfield, Hampshire.

at the discretion of the local authority, up to a maximum of two. This may effectively mean that the personal representatives in the estate are having to pay an amount equal to double the personal charge that the deceased would have had to pay if he had lived.

Plight of small shops

From Miss Christina Kemp
Sir, On April 14, in a report on the plight of small shopkeepers forced out of business by enormously increased rates, you pointed out that these small shops have also become unprofitable due to the fact that people with cars prefer to shop at supermarkets. This is true.

What you did not mention is that these small shops provided a very valuable service to the not inconsiderable number of mainly elderly people who have not got cars. Without a car one cannot go to a supermarket and take home a week's supply of groceries, fruit and vegetables, etc. It is impossible to carry so much.

In the past, many small shops operated a delivery service which was an absolute boon to such people. Those which were also post offices sometimes delivered their customers' pensions or family allowances along with the groceries.

It seems ironic that these hard-working and useful shopkeepers, usually staunch Conservatives, should have been driven out of business by a Conservative Government headed by a shopkeeper's daughter.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA KEMP,
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The property was subject to rates under the old system. During the transition period she and many like her will lose out because they will not be entitled to any period where no charge is payable.

In both cases, there is no entitlement to community charge benefit which is not available for the standard community charge. There is no possibility of either claimant having an income over and above any interest on investments or, in the case of the lady in the nursing home, pension entitlement.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE CHAMBERLAIN,
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Antecedent of the Iraqi gun

From Mr Philip Q. Back
Sir, Sir Peter Tennant (April 20) was very close to the mark in his description of the smooth-barrelled weapon (V3) built in 1943-44 by Organization Todt at Marquise, half-way between Calais and Boulogne. RAF Intelligence at that time referred to the location as Mimoyecques.

On July 6, 1944, 617 Squadron, led by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, dropped their "Tallboy" bombs on the site and caused extensive damage which was never repaired. The Allies overran the site in August. A full description of the site was published in *After the Battle*, no 6, 1974.

But this was a weapon so constructed as to be aimed at the heart of London. Papers filed in the library of the Imperial War Museum reveal that the barrels were aimed at Westminster Bridge. A special mission of inspection revealing this fact was reported on February 21, 1945, directly to Winston Churchill. Two months later, and after protracted negotiation with the French, the Prime Minister ordered the installation to be destroyed. Despite considerable efforts by British and Canadian Army engineers, Mimoyecques was never completely destroyed.

Today a museum exists by the side of the N1 and there is limited access through the side of the hill to the network of tunnels. The top of this hill — untouched since 1945 — is covered with scrub. Sections of concrete which surrounded the mouths of the barrels are still in place.

The evidence of bombing is still to be seen, including the craters caused by 617 Squadron. I know this to be so — I flew over the site on Tuesday of this week.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP Q. BACK,
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April 20.

From Mr James Rusbridger

Sir, In reply to Sir Peter Tennant, the German V3 or *Hochdruckpumpe*, with a barrel 492 ft. long theoretically capable of firing 600 shells an hour, each weighing 165 lb, 100 miles, remains buried in the hillside near Calais, following the Allied air raids of 1943 and 1944.

Firing trials for the first *Hochdruckpumpe* began on October 19, 1943, at Hillersleben on the Baltic coast, but after a modest success the gun blew up and I believe bits of it can still be found there. Two smaller versions, with a barrel only 197 ft. long, fired a few shots during the Ardennes battle in December, 1944, to no useful effect and were then destroyed.

The idea of a large-bore gun dates from as far back as 1880, when two Americans, Lyman and Haskell, built one that proved unsuccessful and although the theory has surfaced from time to time it has never been made to work, quite apart from the fact that once the first shell has been fired its location can be immediately determined.

It is not uncommon for a scientist to become obsessed with a particular form of technology and continue to propagate its supposed advantages despite every technical obstacle. Yours faithfully,
JAMES RUSBRIDGER,
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Jarmouth, Lanivet,
Bodmin,
Cornwall,
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From Mr Gerald Priestland

Sir, Amidst all this fuss about the world's biggest cannon we have overlooked the magnificent fact that it is of British manufacture. When the world's madmen seek a maker for their nightmare weapons, it is to the Old Country with its so-called "cannibal mills" that they turn. I feel that our Government has been remiss in failing to publicise that "Britain can make it", now as always.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
GERALD PRIESTLAND,
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A matter of taste

From Mr Rick Roberts
Sir, While on holiday in Singapore last month, I was surprised to discover on my hotel menu something called "American breakfast". This turned out to be what is known throughout Western civilisation as the "English breakfast" — bacon, eggs, sausage, tomatoes, mushrooms, fruit juice, toast and marmalade, etc.

Knowing of Britain's long, historical role in Singapore and its founding as a trading nation by Sir Stamford Raffles, I wrote to the hotel manager, asking why he was using the term "American breakfast" in a country with such strong and obvious British connotations. An American breakfast might possibly include flapjacks,affles, peanut butter, chocolate sauce, or some equally barbaric concoctions.

In reply the manager assures me that he has changed the name. Yours sincerely,
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Andrew Gibbon Williams finds the character of the European City of Culture well expressed in two exhibitions

That's Glasgow all over

No scheme is too ambitious or expensive for the City of Culture, it seems. At a cost of £1.5 million, the architect Doug Clelland and his team have reclaimed 7,000 square metres of long-forgotten space beneath Glasgow's Central Station. In it — for a further £3.5 million — they have mounted Glasgow's Glasgow, Britain's largest-ever temporary exhibition.

They might as well have tried to mount an exhibition about "Life, the Universe and Everything". The cultural, political and industrial history of the great Scottish metropolis is so vast a subject that even in this mammoth event one can only glimpse some of its aspects.

Billed hyperbolically as "A City Within a City", the exhibition has within it a theatre, cinemas and restaurants. Extending the analogy, the displays are laid out geographically rather than chronologically, roughly divided north-south as the River Clyde divides the city. Some themes of the 18 different sections take their cues from places — ship-building from Govan, for example — while others derive from particular phenomena which have given Glasgow its individual character. Thus, immigration provides a starting point for one, the 1707 Act of Union for another.

This undogmatic approach towards arrangement certainly allows the exhibition to be as comprehensive as possible. Everything from Viking sarcophagi to Barr's Iron Bru (Scotland's favoured non-alcoholic tipple), has found a niche: but this wide scope also tends to confuse.

All manner of art objects and artefacts are used to illustrate the various themes: at one moment a fine portrait of some 18th-century industrialist offers itself up for enjoyment, at another, the spectator is asked to marvel at the precision engineering of a ship's engine. Then, pity and disgust are



Avant-garde? "Life Grows Harder", 1988, an oil painting by Ken Currie from the Great British Art Exhibition in Glasgow

demanding by film of Glasgow's hideous slums. From a video screen the most recent local cult comic, Rab E. Nesbitt, tells a joke or two.

A sense of befuddlement is not helped by the plethora of signposts indicating Glasgow's distance from commercially related towns and cities. But this confusion is as nothing compared with the confusion which is caused by technological overkill.

Glasgow's Glasgow is the most multifarious multi-media event I can recall. At the entrance, a bank of 30 television monitors demonstrates the scope of Clyde Cablevision. There are dozens more within, and there are larger screens, find-out-yourself comput-

ers, and "sound cones" which dispense information like irritating rain from overhead. Unfortunately, contrary to the designers' intentions, it is user-unfriendly.

However, there are beautiful and fascinating things. Among them are Raeburn's "Portrait of a Jew", a precious music cabinet by Charles Rennie Mackintosh borrowed from Vienna; a tiny Fabergé egg commissioned by the Tsar to commemorate the building of his yacht in Glasgow; and the recently rediscovered "Apostle Carpenter" made by the great Glasgow firm, Templetons.

The great strength of the exhibition lies in its refusal to sanitize Glasgow's history. It covers the slums, the disastrous post-

war housing schemes and the collapse of the city's heavy industry. The fine arts share the stage with football and beer. And questions are asked about Glasgow's future.

What emerges — in spite of the unrelenting technological bedlam — is the personality of Glaswegians, a distinct race of outgoing entrepreneurs, craftsmen and "hard grafters", whose humorous philosophy of life — like that of that other great immigrant city, New York — owes much to the Jews and the Irish. George Bernard Shaw said that without these two ethnic groups we should all die of boredom. Glasgow will certainly never die of boredom.

Like many good ideas, this is a simple one, perfectly adequate to underpin what must be — however objective the selectors' criteria — a partisan choice. The groupings are equally straightforward: abstract painters such as Hockney, Hodgkin and Ayres in one room, figurative expressionists such as Bacon, Bellamy and Kossoff in another.

This arrangement emphasizes what the catalogue rightly contends is the great strength of contemporary British art: its diversity. But the works on show here do not bear out another of its assertions, that successful British artists confidently continue to develop their individual voices, heedless of their reputations in the market.

Would that it were so. On this evidence, many of the older generation seem content to rest on their stylistic laurels and rework well-tried formulae. Craigie Aitchison has been painting the same delightful picture for years. Bacon's rising isolated figures essentially assumed their present form years ago. Gilbert and George's giant photo-pieces are manufactured with the repetitive, mass-produced sang-froid of Warhol.

Only in sculpture do British artists seem capable of adventure. Bill Woodrow, who is represented here by a wobbly, varnished steel machine called "Whenever", is the best known of them, but at the McLellan it is Richard Wentworth's "Pier", boldly straddling two major spaces, which suggests an heroic disdain for the creatively debilitating notion of saleability.

CONCERT
Richard Morrison
Verdi Requiem
Royal Festival Hall

grip on the work's basic requirements, from the first, almost inaudible stirrings — with the choir muffled beneath glowing string phrases — through a "Dies irae" driven along with blunt and brilliant force, to a "Sanctus" that was light and slow enough, for once, to allow the profuse instrumental detail to speak clearly. It was a demonstration, too, of how a highly experienced operatic conductor can control tiny details

of phrasing. Mehta may never shake off that aura of New York pizzazz (even in the prayerful "Agnus Dei" the showman's instinct was at work), but this was undoubtedly Mehta at his most serious.

The pity was that some solo singing was off-colour. Where the soloists sang as a group the chording sometimes went out of tune, as if each had ears only for his or her own voice. The bass, Pava Burchuladze, was clearly ailing. Keith Lewis had an excellent evening, his tenor light and lyrical, and the mezzo Florence Quivar sang fervently. Alessandra Marc, however, rarely hit a high note clearly, preferring to swoop or scoop, and at the end nearly missed the crucial top C altogether.

BEFORE all else, even before it conveys spirituality, a performance of Verdi's Requiem must be great theatre. It is a matter of stylistic authenticity. Without that operatic element — that sense of the curtain rising on battle scenes, love duets, solos which express mortal terror or whispered hope — the performance fails according to Verdi's own lights.

Sunday's performance was wonderful theatre, even if the musical gestures occasionally had the greasypaint-laden exaggeration of a lurid Victorian melodrama. Zubin Mehta has a reputation for superficial excitements. Here, conducting the superbly responsive London Philharmonic and a thoroughly roused London Philharmonic Choir, he never lost his

Faultless footwork of song-and-dance man

ROCK
David Sinclair
Phil Collins
Albert Hall

ASA commercial proposition Phil Collins is closer to Madonna than he is to contemporaries such as Stevie Winwood and Eric Clapton; yet he will happily talk to anyone, turn up at any award ceremony and over the years has tried everything from playing drums in the esoteric jazz-rock ensemble Brand X, to producing a solo album for pop airhead Frida Lyngstad of Abba.

The very notion of mystique is anathema to him. "The show begins in five minutes, so if you haven't been to the bathroom it's time to go," he announced personally over the house PA; a classic example of a cheerful, hands-on approach that sometimes seems to border on the neurotic.

Five minutes later the vast carnival roundabout labelled "Mr Collins's Galloping Horses", which stood in the middle of the hall, opened like the petals of an upside-down flower to reveal a stage so overrun with monitor speakers, lights and other clutter that there was hardly any room for the 12 musicians.

Collins was playing galloping tom-tom patterns on his drum kit and singing a vaguely African chant into a microphone headset, but it was not long before he was down at the front, giving the crowd a matey thumbs-up and directing the Phenix (sic) Horn Section into the ridiculously slick introduction of "Hang in Long Enough". The rest of the band fell in with the stomping, well-



No false mystique: Phil Collins on stage at the Albert Hall on Sunday night

pressed, post-Motown beat and Collins was away, his voice cutting firmly through the perfectly balanced sound and instantly setting to rest worries about the adverse effects of a recent bout of laryngitis.

If there are no limits to the scope of Collins's abilities, however, one inevitably wonders at the level of his commitment to any of the myriad strings to his bow. Had Peter Gabriel written "Another Day in Paradise", it would doubtless have been hailed as a searing indictment of Thatcher's Britain, but all Collins has reaped is snide comments about

the size of his bank balance. He prefaced the song with a plea on behalf of the homeless, and urged his well-heeled audience to make use of the collection buckets which were much in evidence in the Albert Hall foyer.

Ultimately Collins, the part-time solo star, is a song-and-dance man, and it does not make much sense to complain about him not being serious about his art. Performed with faultless and featureless accuracy, many of the songs — "Do You Remember?", "Against All Odds", the dreary "Separate Lives" and others — sounded like pure super-club schmalz. Yet

there were many moments when the immaculate pacing of the show, the forceful presentation and glimpses of outstanding musicianship swept aside misgivings about content.

One such high point was when the Afro-Caribbean sounding horn arrangement of "Saturday Night and Sunday Morning" gave way to a grand funk-swing instrumental that incorporated a crisp, imaginative drum solo by Collins. The rollercoaster finale of "You Can't Hurry Love", "Two Hearts" and "Sussudio" also had an undeniable impact, lifting the audience, as one, to its feet.

Snugly converted

THEATRE
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Tartuffe
Cottesloe

JATINDER Verma's bold reworking of European plays to fit them snugly into an Asian setting (described by Vera Lustig on this page last Thursday) is not going to work with Wilde or any modern comedy of manners, though it might with Sheridan. Tightly constructed social drama (Ibsen, Galsworthy or *The Voyage Inheritance*) are not suitable cases for treatment either, but authors who chose a larky style in which to expose human follies are excellent candidates for conversion.

Gogol was the last one Verma seized on, transposing the manic corruption of *The Government Inspector* from the onion domes of provincial Russia to a tin-pot town in India. The action swapped cultures with hardly a snag.

The Indian setting for Molière's attack on religious hypocrisy fits the original even more closely. *Tartuffe* was first played at a private performance for Louis XIV, and Verma places his version at the court of the Mogal Emperor, Aurangzeb, Louis' exact contemporary and a bigoted despot of much the same kidney. Enthroned on an emerald-green platform beneath a domed tent, the Muslim emperor watches the entertainment his Hindu court poet has devised as a warning against pious frauds.

Religious differences play no part in the subsequent events since Orgon and the other players within the play are all Hindu and *Tartuffe* is a "faking fakir" — a phrase fraught with hazard which the cast manage to get their tongues around without mishap.

The energetically physical acting apparently draws on the improvisatory style of Indian strolling players. It calls for somersaults, pratfalls and comic repet-

ition, the familiar antics of the *commedia dell'arte*, and very appropriate too since Molière's company grew from the same tradition. In this respect, the performances are actually closer to the original than those the English theatre generally offers.

Verma's effervescent direction loves animating ideas, even quite minor ones like the passing reference to gossip where a muttered snatch of gobbledegook passes rapidly from person to person before vanishing as an off-stage drum roll. Nirwar Karam's lugubrious, finger-fluttering Tartuffe, caught at last with his *choti* down, is an enjoyably comic performance, though the production's relative failure when mother and daughter must show distress suggests that the exuberant style has its shortcomings.



Ayub Khan Dha as Orgon, Yogesh Bhatt (rear) as his son

To t'music of time

TELEVISION
Sheridan Morley

SEVEN years down the line from its first series, *Brass* (Channel 4) is back, with Bradley Hardacre and his family now removed from t'pit to t'Mayfair and the outbreak of World War II.

One of the most curious aspects of this satire has always been its changing targets: initially conceived as a parody of pit-disaster movies of the 1930s, it then lurched into a period of *Cold Comfort Farm*, followed by a whole series devoted to mocking the rustic aspirations of D.H. Lawrence and the undergraduate homosexuality of *Brideshead*.

For the new series, we seem to be into a parody of the Chips Channon diaries, with Bradley trying to orchestrate World War II to his own armaments advantage, and the gay son now a fashionable Mayfair cleric.

The writers, John Stevenson and Julian Roach, have a quick ear for evil tycoonery ("I've worked for this war and I want it") and moments of random brilliance. The idea of the exiled Duke of Windsor living in a Parisian home called *Dumreignin* is one, another is a letter from Hitler to Neville Chamberlain, reading: "You let us have Danzig, Prague and a seven-night tour of the Baltic all-inclusive, and we shall not dispute your claim to the Isle of Wight."

The crippled wife and the nymphomaniac daughter, already known as a leading air-raid siren, are clearly off into a new lease of

war-time life, somewhere half-way between Armageddon and the films of J. Arthur Rank. We leave Bradley with the Battle of Britain already raging in the skies, promising to supply his munitions on the beaches and in the fields as long as they settle up within 30 days of invoice — no reason why anyone should ever surrender.

After some shaky starts, I think *Brass* has finally turned itself into pure gold, not least because of Timothy West's remarkable talent for playing Bradley as though he were the hero of some *Carry On Churchill* farce.

"Six foot, face like the back of a bus, nobody will want you, so you had better make a bit of being an old maid." Not a line from *Brass* but the opening of *Spenser*, Jess York's documentary on Channel 4, entirely devoted to single women of all ages talking about being unmarried.

Random interviews with people who found that weddings were not for them added up to a terrifying composite portrait of society's notion of the left-on-the-shelf spinster, an amalgam of war-time memories and old-maid misapprehensions. Caught between Miss Marple and tragic loneliness, one single woman said that her state was perceived by neighbours as an eccentricity not larger but smaller than life.

It was an insight of sudden and searing truth, proof again that the best television documentaries are usually those in which people are simply left alone to talk. It might even prove to have been therapeutic for those involved, if not for all of their viewers.



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Get into print for a twist in the shirt tale

The classic shirt is back, bigger and better than ever — chic in white, bold in plain washed silk, or simply dazzling in the revived flower-power prints

The simple shirt, that basic dependable in everybody's wardrobe, has lately found itself the focus of some fashionable razzmatazz. Scaled up a size or two and worn with more swagger, the classic shirt is recognized as having the stylish insouciance and off-hand elegance that is the sophisticated new way to dress. Although a perfectly plain white shirt, cut on generous lines like a man's, adequately supplies this low-key chic, the irresistible expense of silk or cotton — or even viscose and polyester — in the big shirt is fueling fashion's current passion for flamboyant print.

Prompted by Christian Lacroix, who pioneered the revival of interest in the colour and prints of Sixties and Seventies psychedelia, and focused fashion's flower-power on the bold simplicity of sunflower and daisy prints, the classic shirt has been given the necessary kick of high-contrast colour to re-establish its place in fashion.

The Hermès heraldic scarf sliced into a shirt (a collector's piece at £650) has its legion of imitators at every price level, from Hennes (£14.99) and Principles (£24.99) in the High Street to exclusive designer shops. The translation of Chanel chains and pearls into an all-over scarf print used for shirts has now been followed by the revival of the kaleidoscopic patterns of Pucci, whose Florentine palazzo is currently under siege from a surprising boom in orders. Anyone who has collected, inherited or simply packed away a vintage Pucci silk shirt or an early pair of Pucci leggings will find them eyed with reverence as the new generation of Pucci fans waits for supplies to arrive at Browns in London, which was among the first to spot the trend.

Jane and Helen Littman, the sisters behind the English Eccentrics label, have found their niche, creating printed silks based on historical themes and turning them into scarves and shirts. As well as "Be Prepared", a commemorative scarf commissioned by Jeff Banks for his new Girl Guide uniforms, they have created a faux-chinoiserie scarf for the Royal Pavilion shop in Brighton, and a scarf inspired by a Leonardo sculpture for the Royal Academy. Following "Halley's Comet", a best-seller since 1986, English Eccentrics' most popular design is "Attributes", which features symbols of 18th century music, architecture and art (and is used in the silk shirt

photographed top right). Since dispensing with the high over-heads of their own London shop, the Littmans have doubled their business, selling these silk shirts to stores in New York, London and Paris. Paul Smith has translated his own collection of souvenir handkerchiefs into a colourful all-over print for one of his men's cotton shirts, which sells for £65 in his shops as well as in Harrods. A collection of flags has similarly inspired the print on a viscose shirt, priced £45.

Remy Jackson's loose silhouette comes into its own this season with her gauzy shirts splashed with giant navy and white spots, and the daisy print shown here.

Joseph Ettedgui has installed tempting displays of washed silk shirts in a spectrum of 24 colours in his two main Joseph shops in Knightsbridge. "Designer clothes are so expensive now and you can get a lovely look with just a simple shirt," he says. "Washed silk hangs beautifully. With the leggings and short skirts being worn this summer, the balance of a big shirt looks right." His range of Equivoque shirts, plain or snake and leopard printed, are priced from £69 to £112.

Fenwick sells washed silk shirts by Oni Set and French Connection in coral, cream, green, purple and navy, all at £59. Next for Men supplies a good-looking range of washed silk shirts in soft colours for £49.99.

The Gap, the American-based chain whose advertising campaigns show style-conscious customers photographed in such classics as the basic white shirt, sells plain shirts up to extra large sizes, with plain or button-down collars, in fine cotton or a thicker weave, from £22. The current price at Marks & Spencer of a man's city shirt in plain white cotton is £29.50.

Wearing a shirt over slinky leggings or pyjama trousers might not appear to have much to do with stylish dressing. In fact, this understated brand of chic has always been the hallmark of such legends of style as the Hepburns — both Katharine and Audrey — as well as those mainstays of the international best-dressed list, Jacqueline Onassis or Babe (Mrs William) Paley. Women who have that essential spark that ignites real style have always been able to turn a negative anti-fashion stance, epitomized by a perfectly plain shirt, into a positive and individual fashion statement.



HOTLINE



Above: Heraldic "Attributes" blue and cream printed silk shirt, £238, English Eccentrics from Liberty, Regent Street, W1; Ebony, 45 South Molton Street, W1; A La Mode, 36 Hans Crescent, SW1; Joseph, 77 Fulham Road, SW3; Blue cotton leggings, £99, Marion Foale, 13-14 Hinde Street, W1; Whistles branches: Centre: Daisy printed viscose shirt, £144, Betty Jackson from Selfridges, W1; The Beauchamp Place Shop, SW3; Regatta, 31 Carlton Place, Southampton; Felice, 6 Friar Street, Worcester; Crookers, 37-38 Morgan Arcade, Cardiff; Black/white striped linen drawstring trousers, £85, Whistles, 12-14 St Christophers Place, W1; High Street, Oxford; 15 Princeps Square, Glasgow and branches; White linen hat, £97.50, Ally Capellino, 95 Wardour Street, W1; Left: Medallion and chain printed yellow silk shirt, £14.99, Hennes, Oxford Street, W1 and branches; Cut-off white jeans, £23.99, Salspina, Top Shop, Oxford Circus, W1 and branches; John Lewis, Oxford Street, W1 and branches; Strling Cooper, The Trocadero, W1 and branches; Snot, The Arndale Centre, Manchester and branches; Bronze chain necklace, £24.99, Next branches; Make-up by Helen Jeffers; Hair by Ayo for Dolson & Davison; Photographs by ANTHONY CRICKMAY

No 10's wardrobe mistresses

The announcement of a Queen's Award for Export (for the fifth time) to Aquascutum must have buoyed its chairman, Gerald Abrahams, as he settled down to a weekend of negotiations to sell his family-controlled business to the Japanese clothing company, Renown. Recognition of the international achievements of the 150-year-old company clearly helped secure the £74 million selling price on the terms he stipulated, that "every member of staff stays in place".

Aquascutum's most significant achievement is to have become tailors "by appointment" to the Prime Minister. Since March 1987, Downing Street has first asked to send to Downing Street a selection of good-looking fur-collared coats to keep Mrs Thatcher snug on a visit to Moscow. Aquascutum has supplied almost all of her wardrobe. Strong-shouldered suits in bold photogenic fabrics — chevron twed and bound-tooth checks for day, paisley or brocade for evening — with stylish braiding and decorative buttons have become Mrs Thatcher's official uniform. Downing Street's mistress of the robes is Cynthia Crawford ("Crawfie dear", as the Prime Minister calls her) who, as secretary to Sir David Wolfson, has



Power dress: Mrs Thatcher, clothed by Aquascutum for London and Moscow



moved into the unofficial role of lady in waiting. With the help of Gerald Abrahams's wife, Marianna, Aquascutum's design director, it is Crawford who has steered Mrs Thatcher away from fussy bows and frocks into snappier, more streamlined tailoring. Aquascutum is a word that slips easily into the international fashion vocabulary. Exports at £30 million account for 70 per cent of the

company's turnover. A replica of the Regent Street shop opened in Seoul in March. Japan has long been a major market for the Aquascutum trenchcoat with its chub check lining, and Taiwan and Singapore are targeted. "With a strong partner in the Pacific, the possibilities are huge," Mr Abrahams said yesterday.

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Freis puts her frothy frocks on show

Seasoned travellers know all about the roll-up, non-crush dresses created in Hong Kong by Diane Freis. Hers are the frothy frocks that are collages of colour and print, often with an off-the-shoulder neckline and an easy drape of a skirt on a comfortable elasticated waistband, trimmed with beads, tassels and a ruffle or two, that spring unruffled out of a travel bag. And they are the splashily-printed "special occasion" frocks that fall into pristine folds however long they have been worn sitting in a traffic jam en route to Asot or a summer wedding. A Californian, Miss Freis now runs her fashion group — with its turnover

of more than \$30 million — from headquarters in Kowloon, with her British husband, Richard Bradley, a former Hong Kong police officer. She is currently in Britain, meeting fans at a series of fashion shows co-hosted by Vogue magazine, with a Freis dress — worth around £285 — to be worn at each. Tomorrow, she is at Harrods (shows: 11.30am, 2pm and 4pm); April 27, Piccadilly Hotel, Manchester (2.30pm in aid of Birthright); May 3, Simpson, Piccadilly (11.30am, 1.30pm and 4pm); May 6, Dickens & Jones, London W1 (12noon, 2pm and 4pm); May 17, Selfridges, W1 (11.30am, 1.30pm and 3.30pm).

Scenting profits

British men currently splash out £200 million a year on aftershave and cologne, with Aramis, Dunhill, Ralph Lauren's Polo, Saint Laurent's Jazz, and Paco Rabanne the top sellers. As the market for men's fragrances grows (at a rate of 30 per cent a year it outpaces the 10 per cent upturn in sales of scent for women), the big names are jostling for more of this booming market.

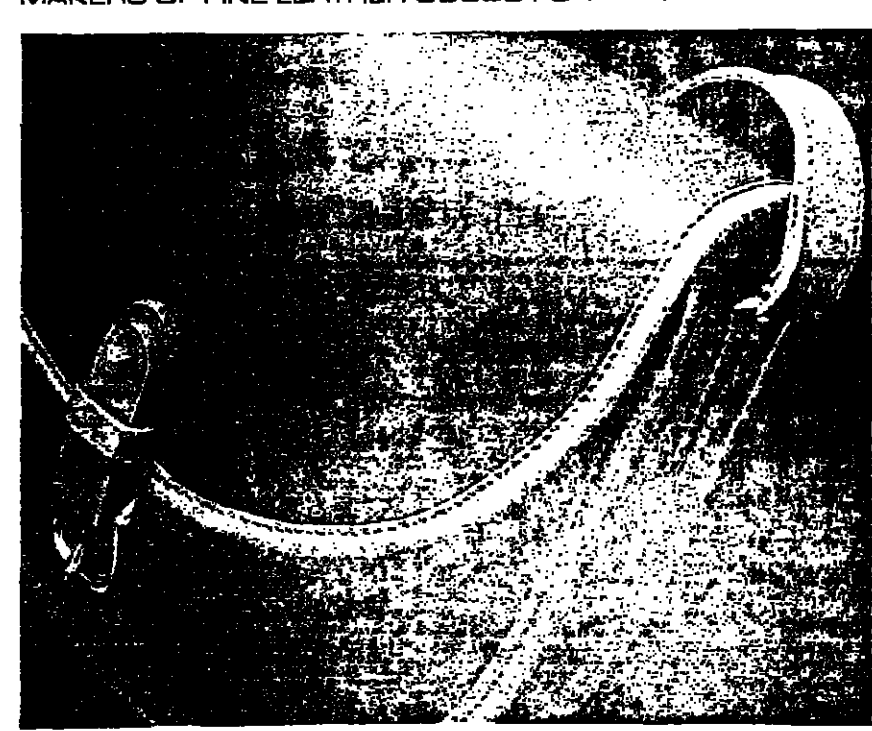
New West, an invigorating range from Aramis in Pacific blue and yellow packaging that includes Skinscent and cooling Glacial Gel, was originally targeted at the young, fitness-conscious Californian customer. It was taken across to the East coast of the US last month, and was launched in London at the weekend with some exuberant roller-skating and skateboarding tolerated temporarily in Oxford Street. Exclusive to Selfridges, New West costs from £9 for a chunky, 100ml Skinscent spray

Labels for sale

The tradition for shopping in discount warehouses is so well established in the US that a special Manhattan directory gives regular updates on news of out-of-town sales. London shoppers are almost as enthusiastic. Andrea von Tiefenbach Schmid and partners Stephen Pottle and Paul Fuller are the trio behind the Designers Sale Studio which opened in the King's Road in 1988, selling upmarket Italian and French labels with discounts of 50 and 70 per cent off the normal retail price. Now plans are progressing for Designers Sale Studios in Manchester and Glasgow, and a second branch opens in London next week.

The sale stock, gleaned from cancelled orders and factory surplus, may date from a season or two back, but it includes such trendsetting labels as Geany, Byblos, Krizia, Scherrer, Lolita Lemnicka and Gianni Versace. Designers Sale Studio is at 241 Kings Road, SW3 and (from May 3) 78 St John's Wood High Street, NW8.

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CORIANUS: Charles Dance is the scarred hero in Terry Hands production transferred from Stratford where it was not considered a success. Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Undergound: Barbican/Moorgate/St Pauls. Previews from Thurs, 7.30pm-10.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30-10.30pm. Open May 2, 7.10pm. Then in repertoire, with mats also on Thursdays, 2.30pm. Previews £2-£16. Eves from May 3 and Sat mats £2-£16.50, Thurs reduced prices.

THE DUCHESSE OF MALFI: Another Stratford transfer, a Bill Alexander production with Harriet Walter a superbly erotic heroine. The P.R. Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Undergound: Barbican/Moorgate/St Pauls. Previews from tomorrow, 7.30-10.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30-5.15pm. Opens May 1, 7.10pm. Then in repertoire, £12, mats £10.50.

GLORY: Temba Theatre's award-winning musical by the writer of *Mama* and *Boyz n the City* about a West Indian girl and her home island growing to independence together. Lyric, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Undergound: Hammersmith. Previews today and tomorrow, 7.45pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. Previews £2-£7.50. From April 28, £2-£12.50. Until May 12.

MARIA MAGDALENA: Influential 19th-century play by Friedrich Hebbel given its first British production "only" 150 years after its German premiere. A woman forced to marry a man she despises and desperate to escape. Pub, 11 Pembroke Gate, Prince Albert Road, 11 Pembroke Gate, W11 (01-229 0708). Undergound: Notting Hill Gate. Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Fri, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, 2.30pm, until May 19.

MATILDA: Annette Lanyon as the charming readolent 5-year-old in Roald Dahl's tale, brightly set to music and produced by the "Adrian Mole" team. Spirited children and family show. Two weeks only, before resuming national tour. Shaw, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (01-388 1394). Undergound: Euston/Kings Cross. Mon-Sat, 7.30-9.30pm, mats Tues-Sat, 2.4pm. (Annette Lanyon not playing some nights. Adults £3.50, children £2.50. Until May 5).

TALES OF THE UNDEAD: Dominic Power's inspired company of *Dracula* and the absurd theories of Havelock Ellis thrilled audiences at its Bristol try-out. Warehouse, Dingwall Road, Croydon (01-880 4060). British Rail: East Croydon. Preview tonight, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 8pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 2pm. Tues, Wed and Sun mat 2.50, Fri and Sat 2.50. Thurs (bargain) £2.50. Until May 20.

CONTINUING

ABINGDON SQUARE: Intense, moving and beautifully performed play by Maria Irene Fornes, first seen in this production at the Soto Play: a woman suspended in marriage in the early years of the century. With Annette Lanyon, Philip Voss and Pearce Quigley. Last performances this afternoon and evening. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-828 2252). Undergound: Waterloo. Today, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £2.50.

BUDDY: Musical play on the life of the great, late Buddy Holly, catches the sound and spirit of those far-off days.

Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1317). Undergound: Victoria. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5.30pm, £2.50-£22. Fri mat half price.

EXCHANGE: Martin Jarvis heads the cast in Michael Frayn's translation of long-running Moscow hit by Tikhonov: flat-searching and heart-searching in modern Soviet Union. Last week. Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9887). Undergound: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45-9.55pm. Sat, 8.15-10.25pm, mats Wed, 5-5.10pm and Sat, 5-7.10pm, £2-£15.50.

LOOK, LOOK: Stephen Fry in Michael Frayn's unfunny and puzzling new comedy about an audience. Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404). Undergound: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 5pm, £2.50-£16.50.

MARYA: Sylvester Le Touzel and Julie Legrand in strongly cast revival of Isaac Babel's drama set in 1920 Petrograd where survivors of the old regime plan survival tactics. Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-828 7619). Undergound: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Eves £2-£17.50, mats £2-£13.

RACING DEMON: Richard Eyre directs David Hare's new play which depicts Bryant as one of a group of London clergymen trying to do good in their inner-city mission. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-828 2252). Undergound: Waterloo. Tomorrow and Thurs, 7.30pm, £2.50. In repertoire.

TARTUFFE: Jeshur Verma's ingenious Asien version of Moliere at the National after its successful tour. National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-828 2252). Undergound: Waterloo. Fri, Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm, £2.50. In repertoire.

OUTSIDE LONDON

BELFAST: *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*. First performance in Northern Ireland of Frank McGuinness's intensely moving play set in the weeks, days, minutes before the First World War battle. Lyric, Ridgeway Street (0238 301081). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Mon-Thurs 2.50, Fri, Sat, 2.50. Until May 5.

BRIGHTON: Vanilla. Stan Phillips and Joanna Lumley head the cast of new US play about greed and social climbing at a million-dollar dinner-dance. Harold Pinter Theatre, New Road (0273 28488). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. £2.50-£14. Until April 28.

LEEDS: *Canoeist*. Welcome revival of the 1940s Rogers & Hammerstein musical. Lash production, Westside musical horses, etc, exploit the new stage. West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill Mount (0532 442111). Mon, 8pm, Tues-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, £4-25.50. Until May 19.

MANCHESTER: *I Accept My Life*. Adaptation of the transcript of Arthur Miller's appearance before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1958. Members of the Crucible company in a semi-staged show. Royal Exchange, St Ann's Square (061-833 8833). Fri, 11.30pm-2am, £2.50.

MANCHESTER: *Galileo*. Howard Brenton's Brecht translation — the scientist, good, bad or glib? — produced by Bridget Lammour, Contact's new artistic director. Contact, Oxford Road (061 274 4400). Preview tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, £2.50-£25. Until May 28.

POOLE: *Mrs Warren's Profession*. Cambridge Theatre Company's touring production stars Barbara Ewing as Shaw's brothelkeeper baffled by her pure-minded daughter. Towngate Theatre, King Road (0202 685222). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm, £2-£5. Until April 28.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: *The Comedy of Errors*. Ian Judge directs the madcap farce. Graham Turner and other comic lookalikes in a usually surefire romp. Royal Shakespeare Theatre (0789 256523). Preview tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Previews £2-£17. In repertoire with *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Star treks again



So ubiquitous a broadcaster has Julian Clary become that it is easy to believe you have seen all there is to see of his high-camp, low-brow comedy. But if you have not seen him "live", you have not seen it all. Not just because he is more rude and more outrageous (which he is), but because only when he is working with a theatre audience do you enjoy the full impact of his extraordinary speed of thought and his razor-sharp reaction to the unexpected. Only the brave or the foolhardy will sit anywhere near the front as he embarks once more on a national tour: 30 dates in just over a month with, he promises, a good 60 per cent new material. Among the treats on offer are a travelling version of his Channel 4 *Sticky Moments* show: "You've heard of Travel Scramble? Well, it's much the same idea... three sets for each show and six costumes — a particular favourite being "a wonderful one that looks like a cape but pulls out to a huge peacock tail". Appearing with him are old chums Russell Churney, Michael Parker and splendid singer Barb Junger, whose voice provides merciful redemption from Clary's intoning on a new single version of the song from *Paint Your Wagon*, "Wind'n' Rain". He's looking forward to the tour, he says, partly because "it's fun and games" and partly because "when you're a lonely bachelor like me, it's nice to get out of the house". Fri: Crest Club, Main Road, Leydown, Isle of Sheppey (0795 510210), 8.30pm, £15. Then May 4: Olive Hall, Guildford (0483 444555); May 5: Fairfield Hall, Croydon (01-688 9291); May 6: Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham (021 643 1231); May 7 and 8: Sherman Theatre, Cardiff (0222 230451); May 9: Marquee Theatre, Norwich (0603 628205). Tour information: 01-287 3303. Carol Sarler

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: *Troilus and Cressida*. Ralph Fiennes, *Amadeus* Rook as the young lovers writ in a lecherous world: strong company directed by Sam Mendes. Swan Theatre (0789 256523). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Thurs, 7pm. Previews £2-£14. From Thurs, £2-£18.

CABARET
Carol Sarler

LONDON

LIVE AT THE ASTORIA: *The Happening*. 157 Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-434 8822). Undergound: Tottenham Court Road. Tomorrow: 7.15pm (no late admission). £1 donation to charity. There are no better variety shows in London right now than these weekly recordings for BBC that offer a good two hours of comedy and music, hosted by a local celebrity and lighted by a superb clubby atmosphere. Stars this week include Simon Fanshawe, Phil Cornwell, Ian Reeves, Steve Ravensley, American blues guitarist Albert Collins and Dutch Hancock with Atlantic DJ Gilmore.

MAGIC CIRCLE FESTIVAL: West P. 2232, Covent Garden, WC2 (01-836 9158). Undergound: Covent Garden. Thurs-Sun, midday-Sun, free. A grand festival of magic: the first two days will show off the skills of street magicians

and the weekend brings together members of the famous Magic Circle with a variety of perplexing tricks. Ecologist Howard Peters will be there every day, cheating death in an astonishing repertoire of feats.

CARTOON AT CLAPHAM: *The Plough*. 195-198 Clapham High Street, SW4 (01-738 8763). Undergound: Clapham Com-

TELEVISION TOP 10

Week ending April 24 1990 (excluding soap operas)

Rank	Program	Viewers (millions)
1	10.10.10.10	10.10
2	Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em	10.10
3	Top Gear (Tue/Fri)	4.21m
4	Question Time	10.10
5	Cartoon Network	10.10
6	News and Weather (Sat 22:00)	10.10
7	News and Weather (Sun 22:00)	10.10
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Broadcast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parentheses showing the reach — the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast: Mon to Fri 1.4m (6.8) TV: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.4m (13.5)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

Mon, Fri: Sat Doors 8.30pm, show 8pm, £2.50-£25.50. Undergound: Victoria. Fri: Doors 7.45pm, show 8.30pm, £2.50-£25.50. After a few weeks off, we have a welcome return of the amiable regular host Eugene Cheung who is a superb "angry young comedian" John Helyar and a double set of comedy improvisation with Spontaneous Combustion.

MECCANO CLUB: The Market Tavern, 2 Essex Road, N1 (01-800 2238). Undergound: Angel. Fri: Doors 8.30pm, show 9pm, £2.50-£3.00. An excellent double bill is shared between the highly-rated Chris Lynam and KJB — a musical duo of women, among them the infinitely talented Jo Lawrence of *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* fame.

RED ROSE CABARET: 129 Seven Sisters Road, N7 (01-263 7285). Undergound: Finsbury Park. Fri: Sat Doors 8.30pm, show 9.30pm, £4 (£3 concs) plus 50p membership. Very few women, even now, are prepared to take on the job of competing cabaret singer: one who does, and does it excellently, is Jo Lawrence — she's perfectly at home in this always-packed, always-boisterous venue, and this week looks together a grand bill of comedy: Kevin Day, Eddie Izzard, Mickey Hutton, plus two improvisers: Albert McGowan and Steve Coogan.

HOLD BACK THE NIGHT: The Feathers Club, Dalrymple Way, W10 (01-466 0701). Undergound: Ladbroke Grove. Sat: Doors 8pm, show 10.30pm, £4.50 (£2.50 concs). A new once-a-month cabaret special opens with a difference: the venue offers a bar and a stage room for "natural highs", trampolines and inflatable and a crèche from 9pm until midnight. All this, as well as Owen O'Neill, Ronnie Golden and John Helyar.

OUTSIDE LONDON
EXETER: St George's Hall, Fore Street (0232 410481). Thurs, 8pm, £2.50. Everyone is doing their bit, it seems: with all proceeds going to TV Television and the Tynes and Higgins Trust, glorious solo singer Helen Beattie joins with old tap-dancing trouper Will Gales in a lively double bill.

COVENTRY: Tic Tac Club, The Orchard Suite, Primrose Hill Street (0203 630870). Fri: 8.15pm, £2.50 (£2 concs). Richard Morton, known to many as the more vocal half of the Pacific Brothers, has a new single out. Here sharing the honours with talented comic and part-time juggler Donna McPhail.

ALDERSHOT: Princess Hall, Barrack Road (0252 29155). Fri, 8pm, £4.50. Shining music, again, from Hope Augustus — in good company with the quirky charming stand-up comedy we have come to expect from Hattie Heyridge, one of our more reliable performers.

Compiled by Karl Knight

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CINEMA GUIDE

Gooff Brown's selection of films in London and where indicated with the symbol (L) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER (PG): Sean Connery as a Soviet submarine commander trying to defect. Ponderous pre-glossed drama. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Empire (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

JAMES BALDWIN: THE PRICE OF THE TICKET (PG): Powerful documentary portrait of the American writer. Riverside Studios (01-748 3354).

KOMTAS: Visionary evocation of the life of an Armenian monk and composer. ICA Cinema (01-930 3647).

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON (15): Bob Rafelson's wayward epic about Victorian explorers Burton and Speke searching for the Nile's source. Patrick Bergin, Ian Glen. Cinema: Leicester Square (01-630 6111).

ROGER AND ME (15): Michael Moore's iconoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town. Cinema: Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Tottenham Court Road (01-638 6148) Warner West End (01-439 0791).

SHOCKER (15): Wearable slasher film, with which Philip Love of the malevolent spirit of an associated mess killer. Cinema: Haymarket (01-639 1527).

TROOP BEVERLY HILLS (PG): Tiresome comedy about a Beverly Hills wife leading a scout troop. Shelley Long. Cinema: Mezzanine (01-930 6111).

CURRENT

ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN (U): Disjointed, unappealing cartoon fantasy about a low-life dog returning from the dead. Cinema: Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Odeon: Kensington (01-802 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

ALWAYS (PG): Spielberg's plush but pointless remake of *A Guy Named Joe* with Richard Dreyfuss as a dead pilot returning to earth. Cinema: Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE (PG): Amiable if witless comedy about time-travelling, woolly-headed teenagers. Keanu Reeves, Alex Winter. Cinema: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Oxford Street (01-638 0310) Panton Street (01-930 0831) Odeon: Kensington (01-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

CHICAGO JOE AND THE SHOWGIRL (15): Bold, flawed exhumation of a murderous crime spree in wartime London. Emily Lloyd, Kiefer Sutherland. Cinema: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Odeon: West End (01-370 2836/7615) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).

CINEMA PARADISE (PG): Giuseppe Tornatore's nostalgic tale of a small Sicilian cinema; a hugely appealing salute to the movies. Cinema: Haymarket (01-498 8888) West End (01-439 4805).

DRIVING MISS DAISSY (U): Jessica Tandy as the prickly Southern lady with a black chauffeur (Morgan Freeman). Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

THE WAR OF THE ROSES (15): A perfect marriage self-destructs violently. Extraordinary black comedy, with Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner. Cinema: Parkway (01-287 7034) Cinema: Chelsea (01-352 5096) Piccadilly (01-497 9501) Tottenham Court Road (01-638 6148) Odeon: Kensington (01-802 6644/5) Mezzanine (01-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

UNCLE BUCK (12): Farney comedy with John Candy as a ne'er-do-well taking care of his brother's children. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

NEVER THE SINNER (PG): A man who kills a woman and a woman who kills a man. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

ANYTHING GOES (PG): A musical about a man who kills a woman and a woman who kills a man. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

ASPECTS OF LOVE (PG): A man who kills a woman and a woman who kills a man. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

SHADOWLANDS (PG): A man who kills a woman and a woman who kills a man. Cinema: Baker Street (01-635 9772) Fulham Road (01-370 2836) Shaftesbury Avenue (01-358 8861) Plaza (01-497 9999) Whiteleys (01-732 3303/3324).

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- 12 Spirit (4)
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WORD-WATCHING

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POL

(a) Rhymes with *poll*, colloquial American for a politician. "These professionals are more technically adept than the old pros who cut their teeth in the smelly-filled rooms."

MURLIN

(c) Scottish for a round, narrow-mouthed basket, from the Gaelic *murlan*. "And lighted by her heart that beats/Tro the murdin and the reel."

GALIMATIAS

(a) Confused language, or nonsense, first found in the 16th century. "If you do not dilute long letters, and an unadorned galimatias of our get *traverse au bout de la phrase*, let me know."

ABLET

(b) To dance ceremonially, as having performed regenerative pre-ritual ablutions, from the Latin *ablatus* to wash off. "The high priest, having washed his hands, now led them up, like lifeless flames or spears, over her smooth stomach to ablate the cones of dark-pitted flesh above."

WINNING MOVE

TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear
and Gillian MaxeyA square
bashing
in the bush

Peter Waymark

● The troubled country of Mozambique has long provided foreign television crews with vivid if sombre material and Crown Logan's film for Compass (ITV, 10.35pm) maintains the tradition. In one of several striking sequences we see drawings by children, forced by the Renzamo guerrillas to butcher their own families. But the main focus is on Defence Systems Ltd., a British private company staffed by former army officers which has been called in to train Mozambique's conscript army in the continuing civil war. Colonel Baxter and his men maintain that they are not mercenaries but contract soldiers and there is little of the Rambo about them as they try to turn raw recruits into crack troops. Driven that the recruits are aged 15, mostly illiterate and have been pressed into service, it is to be hoped that, not surprisingly, Major Lee Giles looks forward to the time when he can retire and open a hotel in Turkey. He promises it will not be a Ratty Towers.



Show of strength: Armed Forces Day, Magpie 1989 (ITV, 10.35pm)

● The British Army, meanwhile, continues to come under the revolving gaze of Army Lives (BBC2, 7.50pm). "Turpulence" is the official term for the way service children live. It is not an exaggeration. What families always on the move, the children are either shipped off to boarding school or endure the dislocation of one school after another, with a trail of broken friendships along the way. Two of the families featured have taken the "behind the scenes" tour public school for the officer's son, state school for the corporal's offspring, while the other insists that stability comes from keeping the children at home.

● Sir John Harvey-Jones's Volvo estate transports him to the Potemkins for Troubadour (BBC2, 9.50pm). To-night's ailing firm is Churchill, which makes cheap tableware and very little money. Like a bloodhound, Sir John is soon on the scent and his surface jocularity should fool no one. Followers of the series can tell a mile off that the doctor's medicine is going to be painful. An entry for the Golden Rose of Montenegro, Mr Jones (ITV, 8.30pm) is a gentle comedy which increases its international appeal by relying on a variety of spare scraps. With Rowan Atkinson, in the title role, the surprise is that it should have come from the same team (Atkinson, Richard Curtis and Ben Elton) that gave us the far from gentle Blackadder.

BBC

6.00 Cardiff
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes regular national and international news bulletins, business reports, sports summaries, travel and weather information, regional news and a review of the morning's newspapers by Adam Russell. 6.58 Regional news and weather.

8.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television programme. To conclude the day's programme, a special report by Jaye Irving on 011 814 042.

9.30 Gloria Live. Gloria Hunniford presents her live magazine programme.

10.00 News and weather followed by Matchpoint. A live magazine programme presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays presented by Dave Benson. Includes a quiz and a game of the week.

10.35 Children's BBC. Introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays presented by Dave Benson. Includes a quiz and a game of the week.

11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Emma Freud is given a special report on the 1989 television and film awards.

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series presented by Judi Sayers and Andy Crane. 12.58 Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Day. Weather.

1.30 Matchpoint. A live magazine programme presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays presented by Dave Benson. Includes a quiz and a game of the week.

2.15 Film: The Prisoner (1955, b/w). Tense political drama with a cold war of words being exchanged in an Eastern bloc country. Also Guinness as a cardinal being cross-examined relentlessly by security chief Jack Hawkins who accuses him of treason. A very timely transmission from Bridget Boland's stage play based on the true story of Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary. Directed by Peter Kosminsky.

2.50 Cartoonland (1989, 4.00). Cartoon adventures of a duck-billed platypus (1989, 4.00) and the Witches. Episode seven of the 13-part series. Directed by Peter Kosminsky.

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ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Geoff Clark and, from 7.00, by Richard Kays and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After 9.00 includes Kathy Taylor on the Royal's wardrobe.

8.25 Cross Words. Crossword game show hosted by Tom O'Connor. With George Layton and Dinah Sheridan. 8.55 Thames News and weather.

10.00 The Time... The Place... Mike Scott's travelling discussion show is in the Central region today.

10.40 The Morning Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes items on family finance, High Street fashions and improving photography skills. With national and international news at 10.55 followed by regional news.

12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. For the young (12.30) Home and Away. Australian drama series.

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather. 1.30 Thames News and weather.

1.30 Coronation Street. A repeat of Monday's episode 2.00 Families. Another chance to see yesterday's live episode of a new soap made by Granada.

2.30 The High Road. Highland drama series. This afternoon Sheila and Paul Macdonald continue the story of the power struggle between Flora and Greg. 3.00 Sounds Like Music. Bobby Crush poses questions on stage and answers them. 3.25 Thames News and weather.

3.30 Families. Episode two of a new soap set in England and Australia. 4.00 The New Television series. Narrated by Ian Carmichael. Including the voices of Michael Horner, Richard Pearson, Peter Sellers and David Jason. 4.15 The New Television series. Narrated by Ian Carmichael. Including the voices of Michael Horner, Richard Pearson, Peter Sellers and David Jason.

5.10 Blackadder. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz game show for television. 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather. 6.00 Home and Away (1).

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BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Piping Hot. Ends at 7.35.

8.00 News 5.15 Westminster. A review of yesterday's proceedings in Parliament.

8.00 Film: The Heavy Steps Out (1941, b/w). Starring Lucie Arnott, Edmund G. Bruce and George Murphy. An amusing slapstick comedy with Lucie Arnott in a delightful outrageous form as a young woman engaged to a sailor but in love with her boss. Directed by Richard Wallace.

10.30 World Snooker. David Jackson presents coverage of the quarter-finals.

1.20 The Adventure of Spot (1.25). A short story for children.

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4.00 World Snooker. 5.30 Gardeners' World. Ways to attract wildlife to a garden pond and tips on how to best grow.

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7.25 Billie (b/w). Classic comedy series starring Phil Silvers (1).

7.40 Any Given Sunday. Highlights from the Montreal Comedy Festival.

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Scenes from the natural world accompanied by music.

6.30 The Channel 4 Daily. 6.58 The Parliament Programme. In Committee. The Standing Committee on War Crimes and the Social Services Select Committee.

12.00 The Parliament Programme. 1.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Includes Prime Minister's question time 1.30 News, regional news and weather.

2.30 Channel 4 Racing From Epsom. The 2.35, 3.05, 3.35 and 4.10 races.

4.30 Fifteen to One. 5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). 5.30 The Lone Ranger (b/w). A portrait of two rare pandas housed in Melbourne Zoo (1).

6.00 Elvis: Good Rockin' Tonight. Episode four of the 13-part serial about the early life of Elvis Presley.

6.30 The Comedy Show (1). 7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zambada Badawi.

7.30 Comment followed by Weather. 8.00 24 Hours in Deepest Darkness. The wildlife of urban gardens (1).

8.30 The Beer Hunter. Part five of Michael Jackson's pilgrimage to the world's breweries takes him to California (Oracle).

9.00 Out On Tour. Presented by Kate Boyle. Includes an examination of how the European Community's harmonization will affect gay and lesbian rights.

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6.30 Panel Post Point 10.00 The New Price Is Right 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky By Day 12.00
Another World 12.30am As the World Turns 1.45 Living 2.15 A Problem Shared 2.45 Here's Lucy 3.15 Diddio 3.45 Super Chicken and Tom Stuk 4.00
Goddie 4.30 The New Leave It to Beaver
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City Editor
John Bell

THE POUND

US dollar (+0.0010)
1.6360 (+0.0010)
W German mark
2.7763 (+0.0147)
Exchange index
87.4 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1682.7 (-19.9)
FT-SE 100
2152.2 (-27.9)
USM (Datastream)
138.55 (-1.10)

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Genbel stake up

GENBEL Investments, a South African investment trust group, has spent £51.62 million in acquiring an additional 6.3 per cent stake in Transatlantic Holdings to lift its overall interest in Transatlantic to 14.6 per cent.

Hunting up

Hunting reported pre-tax profits of £48.4 million for 1989, against a pro-forma £34 million, and is paying a final 5.5p on July 3 making 5p.

Farnell ahead

Farnell Electronics unveiled pre-tax profits of £30.6 million for the year to end January against £27.1 million. The final dividend is 2.7p, making 4.8p (4.2p).

£25.5m site

Camford Engineering, fighting a £64 million hostile bid from Markheath Securities, claimed that its Stevenage site was worth £25.5 million.

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones 2685.32 (-30.38)
Nikkei Average 2967.07 (-158.97)
Hang Seng 3952.86 (-10.44)
ASX All Ordinaries 117.44 (-2.2)
S&P 500 248.4 (-2.5)
Frankfurt DAX 1837.50 (-48.88)
Brussels C25 612.85 (-4.58)
Paris CAC 357.11 (-4.28)
Zurich SIK 300 Closed
London
FT-30 Share 1682.7 (-19.9)
FT-100 2152.2 (-27.9)
FT Gold Miners 245.2 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest 84.89 (-0.54)
FT Govt Bonds 75.34 (-0.24)
Closing prices
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISER:
Aquascutum 'A' 200p (+57p)
D&S Simpson 'A' 432p (+10p)
Liberty 450p (+20p)
FALLS:
Wentworth 320p (-80p)
West West 310p (-10p)
Barclays 515p (-77p)
M&P 720p (-20p)
Hartley 650p (-50p)
Hazelwood 180p (-10p)
Preston 220p (-30p)
Glenage 260p (-10p)
Tarmac 207p (-10p)
Thomson Corp 875p (-40p)
RM Douglas 290p (-15p)
Unilever 625p (-18p)
Estate House 925p (-18p)
Borland 870p (-50p)
Cable & Wireless 484p (-11p)
Anglo Group 212p (-15p)
Glen 705p (-15p)
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INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15.5p-15.75p
3-month sterling bills 14.5p-14.75p
US Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8.25p
3-month Treasury Bills 7.75p-7.77p
30-year bonds 9.5p-9.75p

CURRENCIES

London
£/\$ 1.6360 (+0.0010)
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GOLD

London Fixing
AM \$375.00 pm \$375.25
Bank \$375.75-576.25 (\$224.75-230.25)
New York
Comex \$375.10-376.00

NORTH SEA OIL

Brunt (Jun.) \$17.85 bbl (\$17.05)
Dumfries latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

Bank	Bank
Australia 6	2.54
Austria 6	2.54
Belgium 6	2.54
Canada 6	2.54
Denmark 6	2.54
France 6	2.54
Germany 6	2.54
Greece 6	2.54
Italy 6	2.54
Japan 6	2.54
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Switzerland 6	2.54
Turkey 6	2.54
USA 6	2.54
Yugoslavia 6	2.54

Globe refers £1bn bid to Stock Exchange

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

GLOBE, Britain's biggest investment trust, has decided to refer to the Stock Exchange any decision on whether to accept a £1 billion bid from Standard Life last Friday.

"The matter is now with the Stock Exchange," said Mr David Hardy, Globe's chairman. "More details emerged of Thursday's meeting at which Mr Hardy

passed what he believes was inside information to Dr Paul Whitney, the head of investment at the Coal Board. It was after the meeting that the Coal Board bought the stake, which took its holding above 30 per cent and triggered a full bid under the Takeover Code.

Barclays de Zotte Wedd, the Coal Board's broker, has published a strong denial that it acted improperly in buying the stake. "The suggestion is without foundation," said Mr Malcolm le May, a BZW director. "The funds took great care to ensure both the letter and the spirit of the rules were fully complied with."

"Nothing said at the meeting with Mr Hardy influenced the

funds' decision to purchase or, we were assured, the vendors' decision to sell. If this issue is still of concern, Globe should make the information available to all its shareholders."

Sources said Mr Hardy asked only on Thursday morning to see Dr Whitney, although most investment briefings are scheduled weeks in advance. At the 3pm meeting, the two discussed the trust's performance for the year to end March.

Globe has threatened the Coal Board with an injunction if it tries to publish details of the meeting. One of the subjects brought up, however, is thought to have been a dividend forecast.

Mr Hardy said the meeting was

routine. "In this world you see people when you can get them." He said it had to be scheduled between the Globe management meeting last Wednesday, and the full board meeting tomorrow.

He denied the meeting was an attempt to make the Coal Board an insider in a last-minute effort to prevent a bid. "I had no idea they were going to bid. I dreamed that night they had sold the stake to a European bank."

The Coal Board did not mention any intention to bid at the meeting, and said it was a seller of UK equities.

At 5.10pm, more than an hour after Mr Hardy had left, Dr Whitney was told that Standard

Life was now prepared to sell for 191p a share, or £51.1 million. BZW, the Coal Board's broker, and Standard had been negotiating for more than two weeks.

Dr Whitney then contacted Mr Hardy and warned him that there might be an announcement later. By 6.45, Mr Hardy rang back to suggest he had made Dr Whitney an insider.

This made the Coal Board contact its advisers, including Freshfields, the solicitor.

It decided the meeting had not contained inside information and told Standard its contents, after which the life insurer still agreed to sell.

The deal was finally struck at

12.50am on Friday, by which time Dr Whitney could no longer get in touch with Mr Hardy. Instead he wrote to him with news of the deal, and reaffirmed the opinion that the Coal Board had not dealt on inside information.

The Association of Investment Trusts has, meanwhile, come out with a further condemnation of the bid, in which the Coal Board is trying to win control of Globe assets at a 6 per cent discount to their market value. "Pension fund socialism takes ownership from real people," said Mr Philip Chappell, an AITC adviser. "This is a clear case for the issues to be considered calmly by the Monopolies Commission."

Goldsmith's struggle for BAT dropped

By Stephen Leather

SIR James Goldsmith has dropped plans to renew his £13.4 billion takeover bid for BAT Industries, the tobacco-based conglomerate.

His Hoylake investment vehicle yesterday threw in the towel in the face of a drawn-out legal battle in the US over his plans to sell BAT's Farmers Group to Axa-Midi Assurances, the French financial services company.

California's insurance department has already blocked his plans, and eight more states are still to deliver rulings.

"We took advice from our lawyers and decided that it wouldn't be in the best interests of our shareholders to continue," said a Hoylake spokesman last night. "It was a question of the time, the cost and the uncertainty."

Mr Patrick Sheehy, BAT's chairman, said he was delighted

at Hoylake's withdrawal. "From the very beginning, the bid was extremely complex. I was confident that the excellent results we produced for 1989 would gain the support of our shareholders."

He added that the decision to accelerate the withdrawal from retailing and the plans to spin off BAT's Wiggins-Teeple Appleton paper business caused further difficulties for Hoylake. He was confident shareholders would continue to benefit from BAT's current strategies, including the decision to move to a higher level of dividend payout.

Sir James had joined forces with Jacob (now Lord) Rothschild, the financier, and Mr Kerry Packard, the Australian businessman, to launch Britain's biggest takeover bid last July, financed by US-style junk bonds.

When he announced his bid and his harsh criticisms of

BAT for spreading itself too thin among a wide range of assets, BAT shares were selling at less than 700p a share. Hoylake's bid of 850p sent them soaring to well over 900p.

But California's decision to block the bid two weeks ago sent them tumbling again. They closed at 724p last night, before Hoylake announced it was pulling out, and in after-hours trading in London, BAT shares were changing hands at 685p.

Last night, the Hoylake camp was admitting that the venture had been a financial loss, but that it had been an "intellectual victory".

Market estimates suggest that Hoylake may have lost as much as £40 million in pursuit of BAT.

BAT has already demerged the Argos catalogue retailing business, and last week it sold its Marshall Field's retail chain to Dayton Hudson Corp for \$1.1 billion. It is also planning to sell Saks Fifth Avenue for up to \$1.3 billion. Wiggins-Teeple Appleton is expected to float for about £1.5 billion when it is listed on June 1.

In Los Angeles, Axa-Midi Assurances said it will withdraw its \$4.5 billion bid for Farmers (Philip Robinson writes).

"While we understand the Hoylake board's decision to cease its bid for BAT, we are naturally disappointed," said M Claude Bédar, the Axa-Midi chairman.

"In light of this situation, we will withdraw our applications for the regulatory approval to acquire Farmers."

Axa said it issued its decision to coincide with the statement in London that Hoylake would not renew its bid to acquire BAT. That bid was allowed to lapse late last year to provide Hoylake additional time.

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Lord Rothschild: key player in Britain's biggest bid

Lending climbs by £9.2bn

By Colin Narborough, Economics Correspondent

DISTRESS borrowing by companies, as the economy slows under the weight of high interest rates, boosted the rise in bank and building society lending to the private sector to £9.2 billion last month.

The jump in lending, shown in Bank of England figures, was above the £8.4 billion rise expected in the City and well ahead of the £7.3 billion rise in February.

M0, the narrow money supply measure, showed growth slowing to an annual 6.3 per cent after seasonal adjustment, from 6.4 per cent.

But Mr Ian Harnett, chief

economist at Strauss Turnbull, saw the annualized three-month and six-month comparisons providing a more favourable picture, indicating little M0 growth.

The provisional data showed M4, the broad money measure, growing at its slowest annualized rate since November.

While consumers appear to have made the switch to less borrowing, clearing bank figures confirmed that the corporate sector still needs to adjust to the counter-inflationary squeeze.

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Chairman will receive more than £4m for his holding

Renown rides to rescue Aquascutum

By Gillian Bowditch

RENOWN, the Japanese group, made a surprise appearance as a white knight at the weekend and rescued Mrs Thatcher's favourite fashion house, Aquascutum, with a £74 million agreed bid. Aquascutum was fighting off plans by a group of rebel shareholders to wind up the business and enfranchise the restricted-voting shares.

Renown is offering 550p in cash for every ordinary share and 200p for every restricted voting A share. The ordinary shares leapt from 340p to 545p and the A shares jumped from 143p to 200p. Mr Gerald Abrahams, Aquascutum's chairman and largest shareholder, has accepted

the offer, which has the recommendation of the board. He will receive in excess of £4 million for his holding.

Sears, the retailing group, has accepted the offer in respect of its Aquascutum A shares. Sears had an 8.5 per cent stake.

Aquascutum revealed that it had made pre-tax profits of £2.46 million for the year to January 1990, against £2.54 million last time. Sales rose from £49.8 million to £52.6 million and earnings per share fell from 6.53p to 6.26p, putting the bid on a multiple of 38.4 times earnings. There is a second interim dividend of 2p.

Last night, Renown said the bid had gone unconditional as it had received acceptances for 78.9 per cent of the

voting shares and 35.5 per cent of the A shares. In total, it has 40.4 per cent of the group's equity. Renown needed more than 50 per cent of the voting shares and 25 per cent of the total equity to declare the offer unconditional.

But the rebel shareholders, who have the backing of Mr Gordon Gentry, and have formed a consortium called Waterfall, said that they believed the price Renown was paying for the group was too low and the split of the offer between the voting and non-voting shares was not fair.

Waterfall is not accepting Renown's offer for its 27.2 per cent of A shares at this stage.

Eurotunnel lifts cost to £7.5bn

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

EUROTUNNEL has again raised its estimate of the final cost of building the Channel tunnel.

It is spending an extra £500 million, mainly on more men and machinery to speed up tunnelling, in an effort to open on time in June 1993.

The latest cost figure of between £7.5 billion and £7.6 billion is £500 million more than the last formal estimate in October, and compares with informal indications from the Anglo-French company earlier this year that the cost would be £7.2 billion.

Progress on tunnelling has, however, improved sharply, particularly on the lagging British side and by last Saturday, 75.7 kilometers, half the required length of tunnels, had been bored and lined.

To account for the latest cost escalation, Eurotunnel now plans to raise between £2 billion and £2.5 billion of new finance this year, which is at the top end of estimates.

This would bring total finance available to between £3 billion and £3.5 billion. But Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's chief executive, said this was more than the company expected to need. "We do not intend to go through this process again," he said.

The new finance will include a rights issue of between £400 million and £500 million to shareholders, probably in November, when the French and British service tunnels are scheduled to be on the point of meeting.

Higher cost estimates include £175 million for the extra financing, because the lead banks for Eurotunnel's 200-strong banking syndicate have

made it clear that they expect a higher interest rate margin than the 1.25 per cent over inter-bank rate charged on most existing agreed borrowings.

These extra financing costs will eat up cost savings that



"We do not intend to go through this process again": Alastair Morton, of Eurotunnel

have emerged from the joint Eurotunnel/Transmanche-Link taskforce.

Mr Morton said there was a much higher level of mutual confidence between Eurotunnel and its bankers than a few months ago and also between Eurotunnel and TML, the construction consortium that has a turnkey contract to build the project.

He said the main outstanding difference with TML was over the cost of lump-sum works, mainly at the terminals. New figures show a difference of more than £700 million at 1985 prices between Eurotunnel's estimates and what it thinks TML has in mind. The total cost estimate includes Eurotunnel's un-

disclosed estimate of what it will eventually have to pay.

"We expect this will go to arbitration and possibly litigation going on to the end of the 90s," Mr Morton added.

He and M André Bénard, the French chairman of Eurotunnel, say their only significant difference with the banks and the independent Maître d'Oeuvre over cost estimates is that the latter are still assuming that the tunnel will not start operating until the fourth quarter of 1993.

But Eurotunnel stressed tunnelling was ahead of the 1990 schedule at both ends and well ahead on the French side.

During 1989, Eurotunnel doubled its investment in the

project to £2 billion, half financed by bank loans at an average interest rate of 9.5 per cent. But the average cost of money will rise in future.

Final detailed cost estimates, along with new revenue estimates, will be given to banks and shareholders in early June, with a view to agreeing fresh loan finance over the summer.

After an initial fall, Eurotunnel shares gained 5p to 578p, partly on interest from France, which now accounts for more than 80 per cent of shareholdings, although British and French interests each still own about 45 per cent of Eurotunnel's capital.

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Mark deal may lift UK rates

By Our Economics Correspondent

BONN'S decision to offer East Germany monetary union with a more generous conversion rate for ostmarks than recommended by the Bundesbank unleashed a wave of bearish sentiment in Frankfurt. It also fuelled fears that West German interest rates will have to be raised this quarter.

Faced with a conversion rate of one ostmark for one Deutschmark, or East German pensions, wages and a higher amount of savings, a full-point increase in the Bundesbank's key lending rates is now more likely.

This would make it likely for Britain to follow the West Germans, as it did when the base rate was pushed to 15 per cent last October.

Mr Stephen Bell, European economist at Morgan Grenfell, saw the West German decision as "pretty bearish."

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TEMPUS

Hunting still looking for friends

HUNTING shareholders must be feeling as if they are stuck in Hampton Court Maze. They know there is a way to the centre, where the rewards of achievement rest. They know, too, that there is a way out. The problem is getting there.

The group, under managing director Ken Miller, shuffled its corporate pack yet again in 1989, with the hope of being better loved by the market.

But although 1989 pre-tax profits at £48.4 million beat the forecast of £46.6 million and compare with a pro forma £34 million, the warning about static earnings this year, and the possibility of a 1992 earnings decline, must leave the shares friendless.

The uncertainty, which Hunting cannot dispel and which for security reasons it will not spell out, is the importance to profits down the years from sales of the JP233 weapon system.

Defence at £25.7 million (£18.3 million) accounted for 53 per cent of 1989 pre-tax profit, and JP233 made up the largest slice of that. However, this contract runs by end-1990 and though Hunting has development plans in mind to make up for the gap, the proof of its efforts will be evident later rather than sooner.

Meanwhile, Hunting did well out of diverse "other activities" in 1989, which contributed £5.3 million to pre-

tax, and plans a host of disposals on which — should net worth be realized — an estimated £1 million might flow. Outside of defence, group interests take in aviation, oil and technology. Gearing is 54 per cent, and will fall on asset sales, while the share's performance relative to the market has not been inspiring.

Pedestrian profits growth to £49 million this year and uncertainty over 1991's outcome do not make the shares a bargain — even at 187p (12 month high: 305p), and on a prospective p/e of 6.

Ratners

SEEING is not always believing. Gerald Ratner and his team at Ratners, the jewellery group, have presented shareholders with five uninterrupted years of strong earnings growth; profits have risen from £4.4 million to £121.5 million in that period and are credited with changing the face of the British jewellery market. But the group's shares have not responded accordingly.

Yesterday, Ratners did it again. Pre-tax profits for the year to February were up 41 per cent at £121.5 million on sales up 41 per cent at £898.1 million, earnings per share grew 14 per cent to 30.2p and the dividend rises 27 per cent to 9.5p. Even after stripping out the £13.3 million of



Static earnings warning: Ken Miller, of Hunting

property profits, the figures were better than some expectations. But the shares, up 1p to 227p, are on a p/e ratio of 7.5 — low for one of the few growth stories in the sector.

Mr Ratner's problem is that the City does not believe he can go on defying gravity. Like-for-like sales growth at the four main British chains, H Samuel, Ratners, Zales and

Watches of Switzerland was about 20 per cent last year, a rate which has continued in the current year. But there will be no British acquisitions, and few new shops. Many of Ratners' customers will be hit by their first community charge and the fashion in jewellery appears to be moving away from the fine gold items which Ratners sells. The

decade of conspicuous consumption, we are told, is over.

Devotees of Ratners would point to Department of Trade and Industry figures which show the British jewellery market growing by 18 per cent this year. The balance sheet is strong, with gearing of only 34 per cent. The US, which contributes 30 per cent of Ratners' profits, is performing well and is set to grow further. No-one can accuse Mr Ratner of complacency. He is not just pitching himself against other jewellery groups, but is targeting perfume, cosmetics and electrical retailers. Shoppers may be spending less, but he is doing his utmost to make sure that when they buy gifts, they buy jewellery.

The shares are lowly rated, but do not look set for a re-rating, with the City continuing to worry about growth prospects and the sector as a whole in the doldrums. Analysts are looking for pre-tax profits between £125 million and £140 million this year.

Farnell
FARNELL Electronics is one of those companies which refuses to believe talk of an economic recession, while giving the impression that it would not mind if it found itself in the middle of one.

Its sophisticated pricing policy is so structured that a slowdown in business, which it will admit to experiencing at present, is fully compensated by the bigger margins it derives from smaller, more frequent orders.

Margin is the key word at Farnell, whose electronic component distribution operations, responsible for two-thirds of group profits, bring a magnificent 26 per cent out of turnover a year ago, and then improved on it last year.

Farnell is also beginning to answer critics who complained that the recent acquisition programme was eating into the return on capital employed. Last year's three purchases have all been handed into the black, and the start-up in Australia is now profitable.

However, the new venture in Germany will not make money this year. Establishing 27,000-line distribution networks such as Farnell runs in Britain does not come cheaply, in money or time, which is why Farnell makes the margins it does.

With an Eastern Europe hungry for electronic components beckoning, Farnell will persevere in Germany, even though it will restrain profits slightly this year. Analysts look for £35 million pre-tax for the current year against the £30.6 million reported yesterday, putting the shares on a p/e of 9.7 at 162p. Given the defensive qualities, they are not expensive.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hartons Group profit slashed to £608,000

PRE-TAX profits at Hartons Group, the plastics and film supplier in which Sater has built up a 12 per cent stake, collapsed from £2.66 million to just £19,000 in the second half of 1989. This left the total for the year 88 per cent lower, at £608,000 despite a 22 per cent rise in sales to £153 million. After tax and the dividend on its £5 million preference capital, this transformed earnings of 1.82p into losses of 0.06p per share, though fully diluted net assets per share rose by 1.3p to 25.3p, compared to the current share price of 33p.

The final dividend has been slashed from 1.05p to 0.1p, the same as the interim, leaving the total down from 1.7p to 0.2p. Trading in the first quarter of the current year has remained at a subdued level and the company said that it was difficult to see the economic climate in Britain changing in the rest of the year, while interest rates remained high.

MTM buys \$8m firms

MTM, the Teesside chemicals group, has made \$8 million worth of US acquisitions. Two companies, Fairfield Chemicals of South Carolina and Monomerpolymers and Dejar Laboratories of Pennsylvania, have been acquired and a conditional agreement has been reached to acquire Aceto's Plastics and Bauer research business.

Runciman bidder claim

SHARES in Walter Runciman, the shipping group fighting a £63 million bid from the Swedish Avenas group, slipped 5p to 700p despite a claim from Runciman of another third party bidder waiting in the wings. Avenas's offer values Runciman at 690p a share. Runciman said that talks with a previous third party bidder had fallen through.

Alan Paul, the USM-quoted hair and beauty group, is buying Essance Holdings, which operates hair and beauty salons in British and German department stores, for £8.45 million. The group is paying for the acquisition with the same 6.15 million shares at 130p, of which the vendors will keep 2.6 million, and through the placing of 3.5 million shares by the vendors, which will raise £9.75 million. A rights issue of 3.7 million shares will raise £4.8 million.

Alan Paul estimates profits for the year to March 1990 at £1.2 million (£742,000). A second interim dividend of 2.1p will be paid in June. The shares fell 7p to 138p.

ALP profits tumble 26%

ALLIED London Properties' pre-tax profits fell by 26 per cent to £3.87 million in the half-year to end-December. Despite a 19 per cent increase in rental income to £6.10 million, a 74 per cent climb in the interest charge to £4.4 million and a £370,000 fall in trading profit to £3.61 million took their toll. The dividend is being maintained at 1.08p.

E & G brings in receivers
EQUITY & General has called in receivers to its motor distribution division less than a week after its asset leasing business was declared insolvent. The company said receivers had been brought in to all its non-leasing activities, although the motor division is believed to have been performing well. Shares remain suspended at 20p.

Private housing hit

CONSTRUCTION output is forecast to drop 6 per cent this year, with private housing output worst hit at 19 per cent down, according to the National Council of Building Material Producers (BMP). Output is not expected to start recovering until 1992. The likely 1991 decline is put at 0.5 per cent. An anticipated easing in bank interest rates next year could rekindle the private housing market. This sector would rise 9 per cent next year. Industrial building is expected to fall back 10 per cent this year with a 5 per cent improvement next year.

Power of Ireland up by 60% to £10m

By Jeremy Andrews
POWER Corporation, the largest property company in the Irish Republic, has turned in profits of £10.3 million (£10 million) for the year to December, a rise of 60 per cent on the 1988 figure and in line with the forecast of "not less than £10 million" made five months ago when the company launched its deeply discounted two-for-five rights issue to raise £40.6 million.

Following the rights issue, Power also became the eighth largest quoted company in Ireland in terms of market capitalization as well as ranking 17th among the property companies on the London Stock Exchange.

It was an active year for Power. It bought shops in Kensington High Street, West London, for £14 million, the Rhineland Mansion in Madison Avenue, New York, for \$43 million, partly financed by a £121 million rights issue in February 1989.

Nevertheless, earnings per share rose by a fifth to 110p. A property valuation led to a rise in net assets per share from 1r95p to 1r244p, though the Tower Centre in Blackpool and the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles were not revalued and included instead at cost. Power bought the 23.5 acre Ambassador site last September for \$64 million in partnership with Brent Walker, Amec and Mr Scott Malkin, a US property developer, though in January this year a 20 per cent stake in the project was sold to Mr Donald Trump, the New York property magnate.

The final dividend is to rise by 1r0.2p to 1r3.6p.

GrandMet dilutes Courage pub deal

By Our City Staff
GRAND Metropolitan and Courage have weakened the potential tie between their breweries and pubs in a last-minute effort to get the proposed £2,800 million link-up past the Office of Fair Trading and the European Commission.

An announcement on whether the pub/brewery asset swap, which would create the largest pub-owning group in Britain in the shape of Intreprenuer, will be allowed by London and Brussels is expected either this week or next.

Mr Allen Sheppard, the chairman and chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, explained to shareholders at a special meeting yesterday that the terms of the deal had been altered to allow for the decreasing influence of the tie between brewers and pubs throughout the course of the next decade.

Originally, the agreement for Courage to supply Grand Metropolitan's 8,500 pubs was for 10 years and renewable thereafter.

This has been modified to five years and a reduction in the right of Courage to supply Intreprenuer by 10 per cent a year to the end of the 10 years, with Grand Metropolitan having the right to choose which beers replace Courage's.

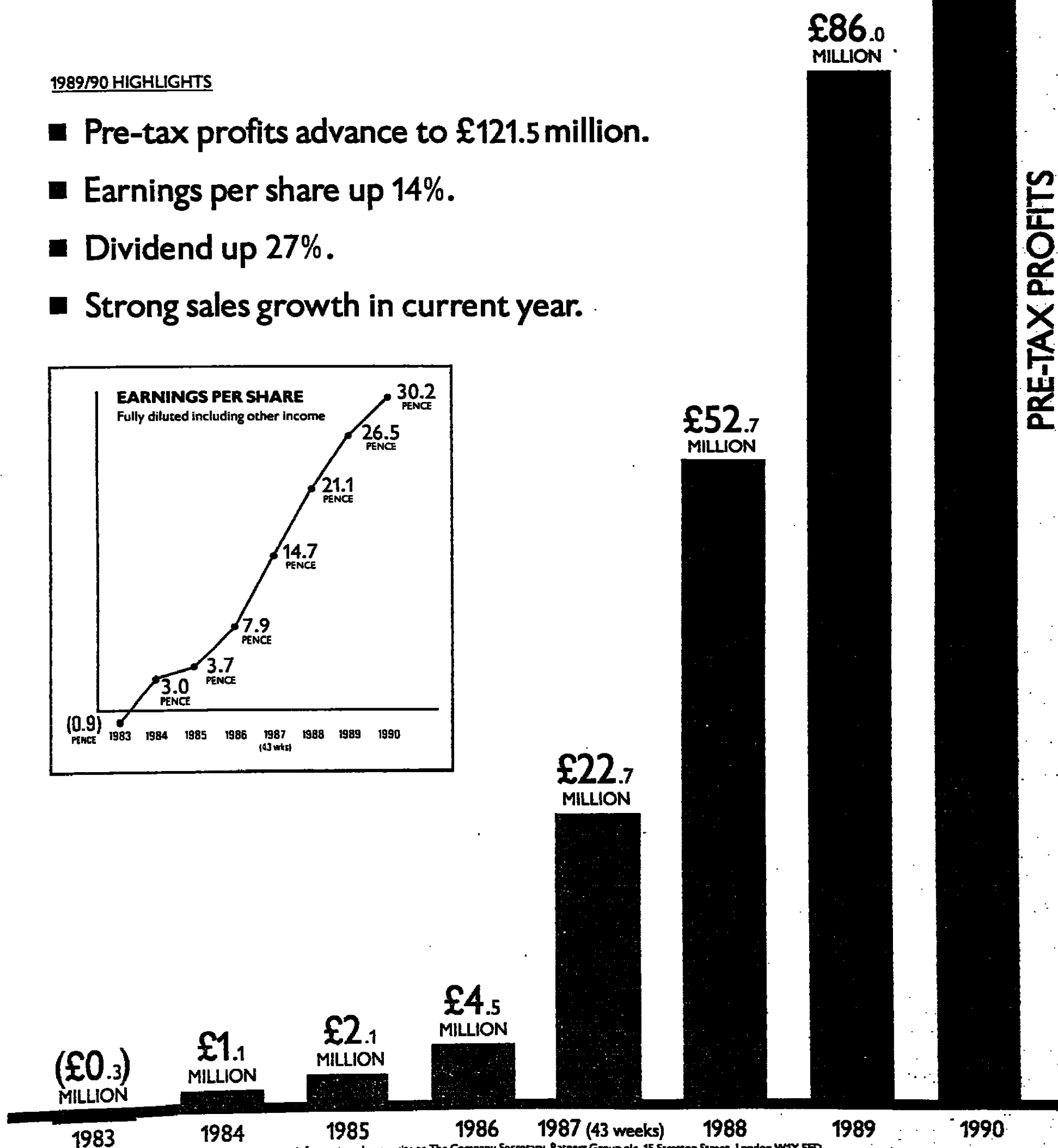
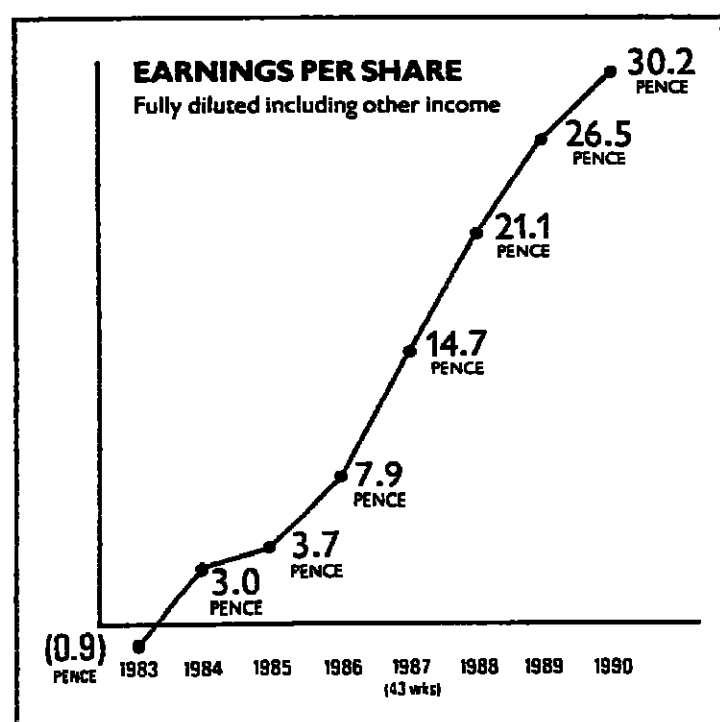
Grand Metropolitan investors voted overwhelmingly in favour of the deal. Proxy votes received by GrandMet in advance of the meeting are believed to have been 99 per cent behind the move.

RATNERS

RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

1989/90 HIGHLIGHTS

- Pre-tax profits advance to £121.5 million.
- Earnings per share up 14%.
- Dividend up 27%.
- Strong sales growth in current year.



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COMPANY BRIEFS

HUNTLEIGH (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.9m (£0.64m)
EPS: 7.10p (6.23p)
Div: 2p (1p)

Encouraging start to current year. Development of new export markets being concentrated in Eastern Europe especially East Germany.

CCS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £0.17m (£0.14m)
EPS: 1.18p (0.92p)
Div: 0.55p (nil)

Results reflect only one month of the G Blag acquisition, largest to date. Last year, Blag would have doubled the CCS pre-tax figure.

KINGSTON OIL (Fin)
Pre-tax: \$1.15m (\$1.33m)
EPS: 11.31c (7.07c)
Div: 2.6692c

After concentrating on acquiring production over past two years, company now intends to start a more active drilling programme.

S LYLES (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.30m (£0.49m)
EPS: 2.51p (4.18p)
Div: 1.5p (1.5p)

Company expects satisfactory outcome for second half of the year. Sales are so far higher than in the first half.

JONES (Fin)
Pre-tax: £25.5m (£25.2m)
EPS: 35.8p (33.8p)
Div: 8p (7p)

Company expects a rise in engineering and environmental businesses for the current year, leading to higher profits.

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Ratners strikes gold as profits surge to £121m

By Gillian Bowditch

RATNERS sold 27 tons of nine-carat gold last year — enough to build three gold double-deck buses.

The group, which owns H Samuel, Zales and Watches of Switzerland, as well as the Ratners shops, now sells four out of every 10 watches purchased in Britain, one out of every four pairs of earrings and one in every six diamond rings.

This domination of the British jewellery market means that Ratners' market share rose from 25 per cent to 31 per cent last year.

Pre-tax profits for the year to February rose 41 per cent to £121.5 million, on sales up 41 per cent at £898.1 million. Property profits rose from £4.99 million to £13.3 million and earnings per share rose 14 per cent to 30.2p. Currency movements added £2 million to profits.

The final dividend is 7.5p making 37.7p for the year, an increase of 27 per cent.

Operating profits in Britain rose from £66.4 million to £91.1 million and in the US profits rose from £25.8 million to £38.4 million, which, analysts say, makes the group the most profitable British retailer operating in America.

The only dull spot in the results was Salisbury, the bag and costume jewellery chain bought from Next.

It contributed £4 million to operating profits and like-for-

like sales growth was 8 per cent last year, but that has increased to 15 per cent so far in the current year. Ratners, which looked at Dixons during the Christmas period, has given up plans to diversify out of jewellery.

Margins overall are down slightly at 14.4 per cent. Mr Gerald Ratner, the group's chairman and managing director, said the retail environment as a whole is tougher than it has been.

"We are not entirely bullet-proof but we are not just going to stand around and get shot. We intend to fight for every penny out there," he said.

According to Department of Trade and Industry figures, jewellery continues to be the strongest area within the retail sector and so far this year it has grown by 18 per cent.

Mr Ratner said jewellery is holding up much better in the current consumer downturn than it has in the past.

The group is developing new products with suppliers and using the latest technology to cut costs.

Mr Ratner said: "We have experienced an excellent start to the current financial year."

"This has given us a sound platform from which to approach the important 1990 Christmas season with confidence." The shares rose 1p to 227p.



Gerald Ratner: 'we intend to fight for every penny'

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Snooker clubs may be sold

By Michael Tate

MIDSUMMER Leisure is considering selling its Riley snooker table manufacturing business and some of its Riley clubs to reduce its £42.7 million bank borrowings.

The board, which is fighting an £86 million takeover bid from European Leisure, said that while Midsummer Leisure's borrowing position and interest cover were "manageable within the context of the company's current trading position and prospects," the overall business would be further strengthened by the disposal of the Riley manufacturing operations and "a number of lower-yielding assets."

A spokesman confirmed that the group was actively reviewing its 59 Riley snooker clubs, as well as other lower yielding businesses.

Earlier, European Leisure declared its offer was final and said that it would not be increased in any circumstances.

In a letter to Midsummer Leisure shareholders, Mr Michael Ward, European Leisure's chairman and chief executive, said that the rejection of the bid by the Midsummer Leisure board, after "originally recommending it, was 'unconvincing'."

European Leisure again advised shareholders to reject the offer, noting that the current value of the offer remained substantially below the level of 175p per Midsummer Leisure share originally announced on April 2.

Society loans up but receipts fall

By Lindsay Cook, Family Money Editor

BUILDING societies increased their share of the mortgage market during March when their lending rose almost £1 billion to £4 billion but receipts from savers fell to £363 million.

The net receipts for the first quarter of 1990 of £1.12 billion were less than half the £2.66 billion for the first quarter of last year. This reflects the increased competition from banks for savers' money and the implementation of independent taxation.

Since April 6, non-working housewives have been better off with accounts which pay interest gross or on which the tax can be reclaimed, such as offshore bank accounts or cash unit trusts. The offshore subsidiaries of building societies are not counted in the retail receipts. Building societies improved their savings rates at the beginning of March to stop funds being transferred to the banks, which attracted 49 per cent of net savings receipts last year.

Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the Building Societies Association, said: "While net receipts figures in the first quarter are considerably lower than in the first quarter of 1989 they have improved since the final quarter of 1989. The recent increase in societies' savings rates should add momentum to this trend."

He predicted that mortgage advances may fall in the current quarter. "Advances made in the first quarter reflect agreements to lend made in December and January — before the increase in mortgage rates announced in the middle of February."

Anglia secures fresh backing

ANGLIA Secure Homes, the troubled sheltered housing specialist, has found a new backer. Later this week it will unveil details of a link with "a major financial institution."

Dealings in Anglia shares, which have slumped from 460p last year to 65p yesterday, have been suspended. Anglia reported net losses of £4.5 million for the year to September 1989.

Shares halted at Bestwood

BESTWOOD, the financial services and house-building company being investigated by the Department of Trade, has asked for its shares to be suspended.

The company's shares have fallen from a high of 60p last year to just 44p. Bestwood came to prominence last year when Mr Tony Cole, the former chairman, unsuccessfully attempted to oust his successor.

B Gas to bring in pipeline cost cuts

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

BRITISH Gas, the world's biggest gas supplier, is cutting pipeline transportation costs by 20 to 40 per cent. The move signals a series of deals with third parties to use the pipes for selling gas direct to their own customers and could mean lower costs to industrial and commercial users.

Mr John Huggins, director of gas transportation services at British Gas, said: "There has to be more competition. We decided to bite the bullet."

British Gas wants to be able to strike deals with gas producers, allowing them to use its pipeline network without the mediation of the industry's regulatory watchdog, the Office of Gas Supply (Ofgas). British Gas hopes that by establishing competition it can persuade Ofgas to allow it more freedom in its pricing policies for industrial and commercial users. At present British Gas is required to publish price lists instead of individually struck bargains.

The cuts in transportation costs have already benefited Shell and Esso which have been the first to sign a gas transportation contract with British Gas. British Petroleum is also close to a deal.

Discussions are in progress with about 10 would-be users of the British Gas network, said Mr Huggins. He envisaged third-party industrial and commercial suppliers alone accounting for about 10 per cent of gas production.

Cutting transportation rates should not have any significant effect on British Gas profits in "the first year or so," said Mr Huggins, although the effect could grow over time.

Mr Huggins admitted that with British Gas under pressure from Ofgas a cut in transportation costs was initially seen as a defensive move, but said: "Now we see transportation as a profitable activity in its own right."

He rejected the idea that earlier British Gas prices were too high or represented profiteering, and that they were in line with the requirements of the Gas Act. At one time British Gas would buy all gas, transport it and sell it. Already with new fields, at least 10 per cent of production cannot be sold to British Gas.

While retaining much of its role as a wholesaler, British Gas could vary its approach, offering either a transportation-only service or a pipeline building service for schemes where it would otherwise have no role.

How Goldsmith found himself unbundled out

Compared with the manner of his arrival on the BAT scene, Sir James Goldsmith's departure was a downbeat affair. Sir James, plus his partners Jacob (now Lord) Rothschild and Kerry Packer, staged a conference before the lights of the world's media which turned into a missionary presentation of the virtues of what was once known as asset stripping but for which Sir James coined the less emotive phrase of unbundling. His instincts in making the bid, which had led him to massive profits in similar operations in the US, were right in some respects but disastrously wrong in others.

Sir James read the market well in spotting that institutions were unwilling to pay anything like a true break-up value for the benefits of being shareholders in BAT due to its heavy dependence on profits from tobacco. He watched while Wall Street's predatory investment bankers applied similar judgements to the food and tobacco conglomerate RJR Nabisco, which culminated in the world's largest ever takeover, valued at a staggering \$25 billion.

But, fatally, he misjudged the strong upsurge of revulsion in US at the sight of financial engineers scrambling over the dismemberment of an American institution and the backlash this would have for junk-financed hostile takeovers in general. This made the task of persuading insurance regulators to approve Hoylake's ownership of Farmers, BAT's Californian insurance operation, a mammoth one.

The escapee has cost Hoylake and its backers dear, both financially and as players in the takeover arena, but BAT and its shareholders have benefited mightily. BAT deserves full credit for realising that once Sir James had released the break-up genie from its bottle there would be no going back. BAT's restructuring was a landmark on the way towards a better balance between the interests of shareholders and management. For that at least the City owes Sir James a cordial farewell.

GMU's long shadow

It never rains, but it pours, runs the old adage. That is surely what the Chancellor is thinking after Bonn's decision to overrule Karl Otto Pöhl's call for a prudent conversion rate of two ostmarks for every Deutschmark when the Germans enter monetary union in July. Just 200 days after Britain followed the Bundesbank and pushed base rate up to 15 per cent, the prospect of double-digit inflation looms large and wage-price spirals and stagflation are on every City pundit's lips.

Guided by his political instincts, Mr John Major has put his face against raising interest rates. But can he resist a fresh rise in base rate, if West Germany makes a pre-emptive strike against the inflationary risks of GMU?

Heading political and social imper-

atives rather than the economic has led to Bonn offering East Germans one-for-one conversion for wages, pensions and savings of up to 4,000 ostmarks. But it will be the Bundesbank which ensures that inflation is kept from the gate. And Pöhl intends to do just that, tightening policy when he deems it necessary.

Flaming June, when the UK inflation rate is expected to be well over 9 per cent, is the month when Pöhl is most likely to want to move. The trauma of hyperinflation still pervades German thinking.

Most economists are confident West Germany can handle inflationary and fiscal problems arising from GMU. Can Britain?

Tunnel's French asset

The good news from under the English Channel is that the tunnel is now going well and Eurotunnel, TML and the bankers appear to be working together again after the crisis and changes in Eurotunnel's management. The bad news is that, with three years to go, the cost estimates still seem to be rising at £100 million a month.

Cost reviews are still going on and Clive Anderson of Kitch & Aitken points out that the "real" estimates will not come until May-June, when Eurotunnel starts negotiating for up to £2 billion more from the banks. By then, £7.6 billion looks likely.

Richard Hannah of UBS Phillips & Drew calculates that, on the basis of 1989 traffic and revenue estimates, the return to shareholders over the life of the project has fallen to about 14 per cent, allowing for a smaller financial share for the equity and dilution from the rights issue. Even after the bad things have already happened, this is a modest return on a still risky project, especially as dividends have been put off from 1995 to nearer the end of the century.

The new cost estimates will be matched with new revenue forecasts. These will benefit from inflation as costs have suffered, but further traffic optimism may meet scepticism.

Persuading the banks to put up an extra £2 billion may not be difficult at a price, because they will have a lien on a very fine piece of infrastructure with £1.5 billion of equity to be wiped out before they need worry.

The greatest asset of the Eurotunnel board is the faith — even vision — of 435,000 French shareholders, half of whom have come on board since the November 1987 share issue. Not only do they provide a possible source of funds, which Messrs Benard and Morton would no doubt prefer to contractors' money. They are also keeping Eurotunnel shares up. Including warrants, the 1987 investors are showing a profit of almost 80 per cent. This may carry more weight than calculations of long-term return on a project whose economics remain conjecture and can still swing wildly in either direction.

Travis Perkins down 16%

By Jeremy Andrews

THE additional buying power from the merger of the Travis & Arnold and Sandell Perkins chains added a half percentage point to gross margins last year at Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant.

But that was wiped out by a 5 per cent sales fall to £361 million, leaving pre-tax profits 16 per cent lower at £32.8 million in the year to December.

Trading conditions worsened as the year progressed, especially in the Midlands. Virtually all the sales decline

came in the second half and the workforce was trimmed by a tenth to 4,000.

Integration of the two chains progressed smoothly as there was limited overlap — Travis & Arnold having been stronger in the Midlands and in plumbing and heating materials, with Sandell Perkins more concentrated in the South-east and focused on timber and joinery. The £7 million provision for re-organization costs is likely to be sufficient, said Mr Tim Perkins, the deputy chairman. Gains from property disposals, taken above the line, rose from £2.39 million to £3.74 million.

Earnings per share dropped by 4p to 22p, but the final dividend is to rise by 0.5p to 5.5p. That makes the total 8p, which the company said was comparable to the 7.5p which would have been paid in 1988 had the two companies been merged for a full year.

Mr Perkins said that sales volume fell further in the first quarter of this year and profits for 1990 as a whole were likely to be down.

The shares fell 2p to 171p.

Llamas tidings of joy

THE vast army of ex-Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers employees — who either resigned voluntarily or found themselves unemployed when the firm pulled out of the UK equity market at the turn of the year — are somewhat bemused after receiving a letter from their erstwhile employer, or rather senior human resources officer Margaret Llamas, who works for its parent, Citicorp Investment Bank. For in it Llamas asks them — as former Citicorp officers — to spare up to 45 minutes to be interviewed over the telephone by a member of her department.

They are, she explains, undertaking a confidential study "designed to collect the thoughts and views of senior level professionals who have left Citicorp. The results will, hopefully, help Citicorp do a better job of integrating and retaining professionals such as yourself... to learn about each participant's Citicorp experience... This research will prove valuable in our continuing efforts to attract, select and retain the best professional hires." Candour would, she added, be encouraged. In that, at least, she will not, methinks, be disappointed. "I thought it was a wind-up at first," admitted one recipient. "They must come from Mars," said another. "It just highlights the insensitivity of the bank and the reason why they failed." Other reactions are unprintable.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Down to earth at Ernst

DETERMINED to prove that his fellow accountants are not as boring as we all like to think, Brian Trainor, a senior expatriate adviser at Ernst & Young, has persuaded nine of his colleagues to throw themselves off the top of their firm's 120ft building in Lambeth Palace Road. They will, however, be attached to ropes and will be expected to abseil, to raise money for Telethon and Children in Cities. "I took

up climbing nine months ago, but many of these people have never abseiled before," says Trainor, who will be leading the descent at 5.30pm today. Encouraged by a jazz band, and free food for passers-by, Trainor adds: "I hope to change the image of accountants — I don't think they should be thought of as boring... there are some quite interesting people in the accountancy profession."

Red roses

A BULK order for red roses was placed by the compliance department at Phillips & Drew, with each of that department's employees wear-

ing one of the flowers yesterday. But before marketmen interpret it as a sign of City support for the Labour Party, and mark stocks lower, the firm's managing director and group compliance officer, the larger-than-life John Woolfenden — once senior partner of the Liverpool gills jobber Mouldsday — has asked me to point out that they were simply commemorating St George's Day. "In the days when there was a stock market floor, everyone used to wear them," he says, "and I wanted to maintain the tradition in my department, at least."

Muddling in

AN UNCERTAIN outlook looms for British Airways, it seems. The airline has appointed a new head of planning in its corporate strategy department — one Ronald Muddle.



"It goes straight to the bank."

P&D pulls them in

DESPITE the difficult market, UBS Phillips & Drew is recruiting new people on an almost daily basis. The latest additions to the list are no less than five senior corporate finance executives — all described as "heavyweights" — whose identities were revealed yesterday. Joining its UK corporate finance department, as deputy managing directors, are a trio comprising Michael Stallibrass, who was the executive director in charge of mergers and acquisitions at Shearson Lehman Hutton, Gareth Bullock, from Swiss Bank Corp, where he was responsible for UK marketing, and Christopher Kirkness, from Kleinwort Benson, who has spent the past four years working from his New York office. Meanwhile, not to be outdone, its international corporate finance department, run by managing director Markus Rohrbasser, has two new recruits — Pascal Jaubert from Credit Suisse First Boston, who will head up Phillip & Drew's French investment banking team, and Mark Ebert, previously with Citicorp Investment Bank, who will become a director of the firm's cross-border mergers and acquisitions group. "They bring with them a wide range of skills, experience and contacts and are joining at a time when the firm's corporate finance client list and business, both UK and international, are growing encouragingly," says Stephen Brisby, vice chairman of UBS Phillips & Drew.

Carol Leonard

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Guinness trial jury sent home over delay

THE Guinness trial judge apologized to jurors yesterday as he extended their Easter holiday because of technical difficulties.

The jury was sent home on its return from a 12-day break, after Mr Justice Henry explained new evidence needed to be considered by counsel.

He told jurors at Southwark Crown Court that there had been difficulties in obtaining a statement from an accountant, in time to be called on the 37th day of the trial.

He said the logical order of witnesses meant a delay was necessary and added that the false start was "unfortunate".

The next witnesses in the trial are from Price Waterhouse, the accountant.

It is alleged that they queried £25 million of invoices said to be part of an illegal share support operation.

The jury has heard that Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, offered to explain the payments to the accountants, but the meeting never took place.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, Mr Gerald Ronson, aged 50, head of the Heron Corporation; Mr Anthony Parnes, aged 44, a City stockbroker; and Sir Jack Lyons, aged 74, the millionaire financier, variously deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting, and breaches of the Companies Act.

It is alleged the illicit share support campaign was mounted to ensure victory for the £2.7 billion Guinness bid for Distillers, the whisky group, over rival Argyll in 1986.

The Crown claims illegal indemnities and success fees were paid to investors recruited to support the Guinness cause.

The trial continues today.

Hammerson's 6% net asset value rise triggers price fall

By Matthew Bond

HAMMERSON, the international property group, disappointed its followers with a 6 per cent increase in net asset value per share.

Only 15 months ago, the company had escaped the clutches of Rodamco, the Dutch group, with a 63 per cent increase in net assets to 1,058p a share. But 1989 saw that figure increase to just 1,118p a share, news that sent Hammerson's shares sharply into reverse.

Hammerson A shares fell 23p to 720p, while ordinary shares fell 21p to 763p. At the time of the £1.6 billion bid, Standard Life, Hammerson's 28.8 per cent shareholder, increased its stake by paying up to 1,100p for ordinary shares.

Mr John Parry, Hammerson's managing director, was still in confident mood. He believes the company's revaluation more accurately reflected what was going on in the property market than some recently proffered by competitors.

Nor did he believe Standard Life's role as white knight had left it in an unduly influential position after the defeat of Rodamco's bid.

Hammerson's £2.5 billion

property portfolio spans Britain, the Continent, Canada, Australia and North America. The company does not break down how individual countries performed. "But growth in the United Kingdom was minimal," Mr Parry said, although rents grew strongly.

Rodamco continues to hold about 3 per cent in the company, but Mr Parry said there had been no contact with the group since the day it launched its bid.

With gearing unchanged at 38 per cent, Mr Parry is also considering a return to the British property market. He confirmed that Hammerson was one of a number of companies talking to Rosehaugh about Shearwater, its retail subsidiary. Hammerson already owns the Brent Cross centre, the north London shopping centre.

Pre-tax profits in the year to December rose marginally to £75.3 million, as finance and administration costs increased 37 per cent, eating into operating profits up 14 per cent at £60.7 million. Earnings per share fell 4 per cent to 30.3p a share. With a 15 per cent increase in dividend to 19.5p a share (17p), dividend cover is 1.5.



In a confident mood: John Parry, of Hammerson

Profits warning knocks PML shares

By Our City Staff

SHARES IN PML, the USM-quoted clothing designer and exporter, dived from 15p to 8p, valuing the group at just £3.5 million.

The plunge followed an announcement of delayed results, a profits warning and news of a passed final divi-

dend for 1989. PML, formerly the Paul Michael Leisurewear company, said that delays to the audit of overseas subsidiaries would mean the results for the year to December would be postponed for some weeks.

And when they come they will not be good: the group

said that they will be "significantly below market expectations."

In addition, market conditions in 1990 have deteriorated to the point where an operating loss has been clocked up for the first quarter of the current year.

There will be no dividend

for 1989, the company said, compared to the 1p a share paid out for 1988 and the 1.25p paid for 1987.

The shares hit a high of 74p in 1988.

At the half-year stage PML announced that profits were down from £853,000 to £665,000 before tax.

Hambro Magan in link with US bank

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

JO HAMBRO Magan, the corporate finance boutique, has linked with the Blackstone Group, a New York-based merchant bank, to work on cross-border mergers and acquisitions.

The agreement will strengthen Magan's ability to carry out international deals. Last year, the firm advised on Ford's acquisition of Jaguar and Deutsche Bank's takeover of Morgan Grenfell.

Blackstone is a private firm, chaired by Mr Peter Peterson, the former chairman of Lehman Brothers. It has similar joint ventures with Nikko Securities in Japan, Groupe Suez in France and Toronto Dominion in Canada.

The first of these has allowed it to carry out the three largest US acquisitions by Japanese corporations.

It also advised on more than \$1 billion of US-French deals last year, including Compagnie des Machines, Bull's acquisition of Zenith's computer products division.

Mr George Magan, the managing director of Hambro Magan, said: "It is one thing to have this sort of agreement, it is another to follow it through. Very few firms in this business have a global presence, each market has its special ways. The way we want to do it is networking with firms that have a similar culture."

Magan and Blackstone are already working on three joint deals and are also looking at establishing a joint venture capital fund in Europe. In the future, Magan hopes to sign similar agreements in Europe and Japan.

Review threat to Citicorp's A-1 risk rating

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

AMERICA'S troubled commercial property market will be brought into sharp focus this week as Moody's Investors Service, the leading credit watch agency, begins considering whether to downgrade the risk rating of Citicorp, one of the top banks in the US.

The move sent shivers through the banking sector, and Citicorp's shares touched a year's low of \$22 1/2 in early trading on Monday, having fallen to within a dollar of the previous \$23 1/2 low on Friday.

For the first time, Moody's has placed Citicorp's short-term debt on the same review as its long-term loans. The \$230 billion bank had been considered bullet-proof by analysts.

Citicorp debt carries an A-1 rating, much higher than other US banks.

Analysts said that any downgrading would cost the bank money in interest on its short-term loans, and would also be a significant blow to its prestige.

Moody's said that it is concerned at the rising levels of Citicorp's bad debts in property, developing countries and highly-gearred corporations, as well as its capital adequacy.

The bank is involved in all three of the troubled sectors: it has \$13 billion worth of outstanding property loans, \$8.6 billion lent out to developing countries and \$7.9 billion lent to highly-gearred corporations.

Moody's review follows Citicorp's first-quarter profits, which fell 56.3 per cent to

\$231 million, hit by a glut of building, which caused prices to fall and rendered developers unable to pay their debts.

Citicorp executives have given warning that the problem is expected to increase this year.

Property loans have been causing problems for almost a year on money lent to build blocks of apartments, shopping centres and offices.

In the first quarter, Citicorp's loans on which no interest was paid jumped 11 per cent to \$8.1 billion. Its reserves to absorb those losses remained at 61 per cent of the outstanding loans, below the 70 per cent level adopted by other banks.

America's top 10 banks have \$36 billion in outstanding loans on highly-leveraged buyouts, \$38 billion out to Third World countries and \$50 billion in commercial property loans.

A government agency last week released a list of what they considered were the 40 most vulnerable cities to a property collapse.

Based on a formula which included the percentage of office space available and potential job growth, Phoenix headed the list, Los Angeles was 11th and New York was listed at 17th.

Government officials say that since 1986, bank lending on property has been growing four times faster than the assets of the bank lending the money, and bad property debts have risen by 54 per cent.

Japanese exodus tests US bonds

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

THE muddy outlook for US bond prices has been clouded further by hints that Japan's top life insurance companies may trim their purchases of US Treasury bonds in the next auction early next month.

That could increase the pressure on US interest rates and further rattle Wall Street.

Heavy selling of the bonds by Japanese investors — sales are estimated at \$6 billion over the past fortnight — has ended some of the gloom in Wall Street that followed the recent stock market plunge in Tokyo.

Japanese investors traditionally take between one-quarter and one-third of the bonds offered at auction. But

many now feel that the soaring dollar is overvalued against the yen, creating a risk of top life insurance companies may trim their purchases of US Treasury bonds if the dollar retreats.

Mr Takahide Sakurai, the chairman of the Life Insurance Association of Japan, says: "Given that US Treasury prices have become unstable, we have to be more cautious to some extent than in the past."

The sharp rise in the US budget deficit to a record \$53 billion, announced on Friday, further undermines the US bond market, because the US government will be forced to sell more bonds to balance its books.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily change (%)	Yearly change (%)	Daily change (pts)	Yearly change (pts)	Daily change (pts)	Yearly change (pts)
The World (free)	704.7	-0.7	-16.4	-0.6	-12.5	-1.0	-16.3
EAFE (free)	134.6	-0.7	-16.6	-0.7	-12.6	-1.0	-16.4
Europe (free)	1231.9	-0.9	-20.9	-1.0	-16.0	-1.2	-19.8
Nth America (free)	128.4	-0.9	-21.2	-1.1	-16.3	-1.2	-20.1
Nth America (free)	725.1	-1.7	-4.7	-1.3	-4.5	-2.0	-3.3
Nth America (free)	158.1	-1.7	-4.5	-1.6	-4.5	-2.1	-3.2
Nth America (free)	497.4	-0.3	-7.6	-0.7	-6.2	-0.7	-6.2
Nordic (free)	1503.1	-0.6	-3.4	-0.2	-3.1	-0.9	-2.1
Pacific (free)	237.3	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	1.1	-1.0	2.3
Pacific (free)	2773.7	-0.3	-30.1	-0.7	-22.9	-0.8	-28.1
Far East (free)	4011.6	-0.3	-30.7	-0.8	-23.4	-0.8	-28.7
Australia (free)	298.1	-1.0	-13.9	-0.6	-9.9	-1.4	-12.7
Australia (free)	2006.4	-0.4	-35.0	-0.8	-37.5	-3.8	-36.9
Belgium (free)	810.7	-0.7	-7.5	-0.1	-7.4	-1.1	-6.2
Canada (free)	498.8	-0.3	-17.3	-0.8	-15.9	-0.8	-16.1
Denmark (free)	1330.7	-0.7	1.1	0.0	0.7	-1.0	2.5
Finland (free)	100.5	-0.7	-12.9	-0.4	-12.5	-1.0	-11.8
France (free)	138.1	-0.9	-7.3	-0.8	-7.0	-1.2	-6.0
France (free)	835.1	-1.8	3.3	-1.2	3.3	-2.2	4.7
Germany (free)	981.2	-3.4	1.5	-2.7	3.3	-3.7	2.9
Hong Kong (free)	2377.5	0.0	7.2	-0.4	8.5	-0.4	6.7
Italy (free)	382.4	-2.0	-0.8	-1.5	-1.1	-2.3	0.6
Japan (free)	4210.5	-0.2	-31.7	-0.8	-24.3	-0.6	-30.8
Netherlands (free)	882.1	-2.0	-6.7	-1.3	-5.3	-2.4	-6.4
New Zealand (free)	88.1	0.6	-13.6	0.3	-10.6	0.3	-12.3
Norway (free)	1505.6	-0.9	12.2	-0.8	13.2	-1.3	13.8
Norway (free)	262.7	-0.9	12.5	-0.7	13.5	-1.2	14.1
Singapore (free)	1907.4	-1.0	-4.4	-1.2	-4.2	-1.3	-3.0
Spain (free)	217.3	-0.1	-8.2	0.2	-8.9	-0.4	-6.9
Sweden (free)	1634.7	-0.4	-6.6	-0.1	-6.3	-0.7	-5.5
Switzerland (free)	235.1	-0.4	-3.7	-0.2	-3.2	-0.8	-2.3
Switzerland (free)	880.4	-0.1	-5.9	0.0	-7.6	-0.5	-4.6
UK (free)	131.5	-0.1	-5.8	0.0	-7.5	-0.5	-4.5
USA (free)	640.1	-1.3	-11.2	-1.3	-11.2	-1.7	-10.0
USA (free)	450.8	-0.4	-6.7	-0.7	-5.4	-0.7	-5.4

(pts) Local currency.

Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International

THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION

The 152nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION will be held on TUESDAY, 22 MAY 1990 at 12 noon in the HEAD OFFICE, 6 ST ANDREW SQUARE, EDINBURGH.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from this address.

By order of the Board of Directors
G Henderson
Secretary

6 St Andrew Square
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24 April 1990

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

1989 was a difficult year. There was sharper competition in the marketplace, particularly in the UK where high interest rates, which are the Government's main resource to fight the rapid rise in inflation, encouraged some underwriters to take on business at unrealistic rates. It was a year of natural disasters, with destructive hurricanes in the Caribbean and the south-eastern United States, and earthquakes in California and Australia. In all these calamities the Group bore its share of loss, but inevitably for our company nothing was more costly than the long hot summer in the UK which has so far produced some 7,800 claims for subsidence. Some of these arise only when houses change hands and prospective purchasers have a survey. Consequently we may expect further claims when the residential property market in due course revives.

In all these circumstances we regard the Group profit of £318m as satisfactory, particularly since this result does not fully disclose the immense strength of the Sun Alliance. The benefits of our consistent policy of looking for long-term growth in our portfolio of equities and property were clearly demonstrated during 1989 by the increase of more than £800m in the Group's net assets. This balance sheet strength gives us the capacity to underwrite with confidence on a European and worldwide scale, to expand our business in a coherent manner in the developing financial services market, and to maintain dividend growth despite the inevitable fluctuations of underwriting results.

The embedded value, which represents the shareholders' interest in our existing UK long-term insurance business, has been independently valued as at 31st December 1989 at over £550m. Whilst this is considerably less than the appraisal value of our long-term business, which includes the value of future new business, it does furnish further evidence of the strength of the Group.

The Group reorganisation foreshadowed in last year's report, and established by the Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by the High Court, has gone ahead smoothly with a more logical co-ordination of marketing, underwriting, and dealing with claims. This will enable us to offer an even higher standard of service to our long-standing connections.

The Group welcomes Sir Leon Brittan's efforts to speed up the process of bringing freedom to supply personal general and life business services throughout Europe, but conditions must be the same for all competitors in the market, and this applies

particularly to taxation. It is unsatisfactory that reserves set aside to allow for catastrophes such as the recent storms should be eligible for tax relief in many European countries but not in the UK. It is equally unhelpful that the Inland Revenue continues to seek to discount outstanding general business claims, which would effectively tax investment income before it was received. We should not be placed under a handicap in competing for business at a time when other trade barriers are being dismantled, and when Government expenditure abroad and the heavy outflow of funds on interest payments are making serious inroads into the hard-won invisible earnings to which insurance has been so vital a contributor over the years.

1990 has started with violent hurricanes much more widespread than those of October 1987 and well insured companies and individuals will have reason to be thankful for their cover. The cost, although mitigated by catastrophe reinsurance, will

be high. If these storms prove, as some suggest, to be the harbingers of serious climatic change, there can be no doubt that rates will have to reflect the risk. Nevertheless, after the Group's steady advance in the 1980s there is every reason to look forward with confidence to the last decade of the century.

Dividend

The Directors recommend a final dividend for 1989 of 8p per share, making a total dividend for the year of 12.5p.

Conclusion

The setting up of our new structure and its smooth inauguration has called for imagination, meticulous planning and much hard work. Its success and the good results for 1989 are due to the enthusiastic support of all the people who work for the Group at home and abroad. To all of them I express my admiration and gratitude.

RESULTS FOR 1989

The audited Group results for 1989 are as follows:	1989 £m	1988 £m
Premium income		
General insurance	2,475.3	2,252.2
Long-term insurance	810.6	830.6
	3,285.9	3,111.8
Profit and loss account		
General insurance underwriting result	(63.7)	38.7
Long-term insurance profits	40.5	31.0
Investment and other income	341.8	279.7
Profit before taxation	318.6	372.4
Taxation	90.9	110.3
Minority interests	12.3	10.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	215.4	251.7
Dividend	99.0	80.9
Profit retained	116.4	170.8
Share capital and reserves	2,938.5	2,103.1
Earnings per share	27.3p	31.9p
Dividend per share	12.5p	10.25p

Earnings and dividend per share for 1988 have been restated to reflect the four for one share exchange on 1st July 1989.

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance Group plc will be held at 12.30 pm on 16th May 1990 at the Head Office, 1 Bartholomew Lane, London EC2N 2AB. The Annual Report and Accounts were posted to shareholders on 23rd April 1990. If you are not a shareholder and would like a copy please write to the Company Secretary at the above address.

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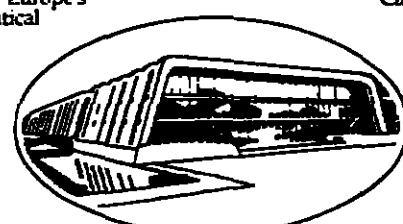
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THE LAW

When is sex in marriage legally rape?

Faced with a survey in which about 15 per cent of married women claimed to have been raped by their husbands, the Government has asked the Law Commission to report on whether the centuries-old law protecting husbands from prosecution in such cases should be repealed.

The commission has already recommended that a man should forfeit his conjugal rights when the spouses are living apart, and the courts have long since been convicting husbands who have demanded sex from their wives during a legal separation.

Why, then, should wives not share with cohabiting and single women the right to refuse their partners sex? Chris Barton examines the complexities in an increasing number of matrimonial cases



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even more unsatisfactory that the criminal law is pressed into service in this respect; the husband's residuary immunity from prosecution for wife-rape is tasteless enough *per se*, without it being a prime source of authority for what a spouse can do.

Recently, in *R v Kowalski*, the Court of Appeal heard of the

appellant's disgusting and abominable behaviour towards his wife. The couple had been living apart under the same roof when Mr Kowalski came "home" one day and held a knife to her throat. He forced her to strip and hustled her to a bedroom where, with the knife at the back of her neck, he forced her to perform oral sex and then to submit to coitus.

At Exeter Crown Court, he received "an immediate custodial sentence", surprisingly reduced on appeal to two years for indecent assault and actual bodily harm.

Instead of making it clear that such horrendous violations of his marriage merited severe punishment, the law was sufficiently ambivalent on the matter of indecent assault between spouses to encourage him to appeal.

One point made by the appellant was that, although a man may be guilty of indecent assault on his wife, fellatio followed by coitus would not suffice. Such conduct, he argued, must be covered by the consent to intercourse which is automatically implicit within marriage, particularly where there is a history of consent to the practice.

In delivering the judgment, Judge Kennedy said that while fellatio is not unlawful it is not a marital entitlement, either as foreplay or an end in itself. A history of consent makes no difference.



Family confessions: these actresses portray the grief behind the statistics on rape in marriage

This tangential approach to the sexual rights of spouses has created confusion. In particular, the law seems unable to distinguish the rights from the remedies. Cases such as *R v Kowalski* are not essentially concerned with del-

ineating husbandly sexual entitlement but only with limiting his recourse to self-help.

In that respect, at least, the cases are moving in a direction that many will applaud, although, as the Government has recognized,

statutory intervention will be necessary to complete the process. It was in 1949 that there was a retreat from the grim common law rule where the husband's untrammelled rights were seen as a logical extension of marriage,

making them one person: him. In *R v Clarke*, Judge Byrne held that a magistrate's "four separation order was enough to lift the immunity. In the *Miller* case (1954), however, Judge Lynskey said that the mere filing of a divorce petition was insufficient to sustain a rape charge, although by 1974, in the *O'Brien* case, Judge Park felt able to make a further incursion within the common law principle in circumstances where the wife had obtained a decree nisi.

In the *Kowalski* case, it must be admitted that the decision does address, at least in part, the question of what a spouse may legally expect, as well as the question of what he may not take. Unfortunately, even in this respect, it raises more questions than it answers.

Apart from failing to give guidance on what forms of force play, or alternatives to coitus, are implicit within the marriage contract, the case also fails to make it clear whether a wife's refusal to supply fellatio would be sufficient to justify his husband's recourse to divorce — or, if not, whether his demand for such services would justify a petition on her part.

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Court of Appeal

Common law wife not recognized

Rignell (Inspector of Taxes) v Andrews
Before Mr Justice Ferris
(Judgment April 10)

For income tax purposes a "wife" was someone who had entered into a lawful marriage with a particular man. A relationship of cohabitation, sometimes called common law marriage, however close, or permanent, was not enough.

Mr Justice Ferris so held in an appeal by the Crown from a determination by the general commissioners for New Forest (West) that had allowed claims by the taxpayer, Mr David S. Andrews, to entitlement to higher personal relief, the married man's allowance, under the provisions of section 8 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

By section 8 a taxpayer was entitled to such higher allowance "if he proves — (i)

that for the year of assessment he has his wife living with him, or (ii) that his wife is wholly maintained by him during the year of assessment."

Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Andrews did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE FERRIS said that the commissioners had allowed the taxpayer's claim to be entitled to the higher rate of personal allowance for the seven years of assessment from 1979-80 to 1985-86.

They had decided that for the whole of each of those years the taxpayer had proved that he had his wife living with him.

The taxpayer was not married. His case was that he had contracted any marriage recognized as such in English law. He said that he had cohabited for 11 years with a woman who had changed her surname to

Andrews and that was sufficient. The commissioners held that the references in section 8(i)(a) to a "wife" did not require that the lady in question should be a person with whom the taxpayer had entered into a formal relationship of marriage but that it was sufficient that she should be what was described as a "common law wife".

The Crown challenged that conclusion. The commissioners, it was said, had not addressed themselves to other provisions in the 1970 Act which by necessary implication indicated that the term "wife" was confined to a woman who had entered into a marriage.

Sections 14 (additional relief for widows), 12 (widower's or widow's housekeeper), and 16(2) (dependent relatives) were, it was said, the provisions having that effect.

Mr Moses also referred to various sections in Chapter IV of the Act, headed "Aggregation

of income — husband and wife". Those provisions, it was argued, were expressed in terms which assumed that the husband and wife, whose income was to be aggregated, were persons who had entered into a marriage and were not merely cohabiting.

Those provisions did indeed show that in the 1970 Act the term "wife" was used only to denote a woman who had entered into a marriage that was recognized by the civil law of England, with a particular man and that the term was not apt to cover a woman who had not entered into a marriage but was merely cohabiting, however close or permanent the relationship might be.

The reasoning of the commissioners for reaching their determination could not be sustained and the Crown's appeal was to be allowed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Positive job discrimination unlawful

Lambeth London Borough v Commission for Racial Equality
Before Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Mann
(Judgment April 4)

The purpose of the Race Relations Act 1976 was to eliminate discrimination on racial grounds and it was not legitimate to construe the Act as having a separate main purpose of promoting positive action to benefit racial groups.

In section 5 of the Act (permitting, exceptionally, discrimination by an employer in relation to "any employment where being of a particular racial group is a genuine occupational qualification for the job"), the provision in subsection (2)(d) specifying that membership of a particular racial group was a genuine occupational qualification where "the holder of the job provides persons of that racial

group with personal services promoting their welfare, and those services can most effectively be provided by a person of that racial group" contemplated direct contact between the giver and the recipient of the services.

Accordingly, an industrial tribunal had not erred in deciding that advertisements placed by a local authority for a group manager and assistant head in their housing benefits department and stating that the posts were confined to Afro-Caribbean and Asian applicants were unlawfully discriminatory contrary to section 29 of the Act.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Lambeth London Borough Council from the decision on June 13, 1989 of the Employment Appeal Tribunal (Mr Justice Wood, Mrs M. L. Boyle and Mr A. D. Scott) ([1989] ICR 641; *The Times* June 15, 1989) dismissing an appeal by Lambeth from a decision of the industrial tribunal sent to the parties on August 23, 1988.

Mr Philip Engelmann for Lambeth; Mr Paul T. Rose for the commission.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that it was undoubted that the Act contained sections of the Race Relations Act 1976 encouraged positive action to meet the special needs of particular racial groups in certain defined fields, by providing that acts of discrimination that would otherwise be unlawful should not be so if done for those purposes.

Nevertheless, like the Employment Appeal Tribunal, his Lordship was wholly unpersuaded that one of the two main purposes of the Act was to promote positive action to benefit racial groups.

The purposes of the Act, as

stated in its long title, was "to make fresh provision with respect to discrimination on racial grounds and relations between people of different racial groups", and the substance of the operative parts of the Act was to render acts of discrimination unlawful.

It was true that sections 33, 37 and 38 allowed for limited acts of positive discrimination, but that did not constrain the court to give to section 5(2)(d) a meaning which its words did not naturally bear.

If section 5(2)(d) had been intended to provide for positive action in the particular field to which it related, one would have expected to find it grouped together with sections 33, 37 and 38, rather than as the last paragraph in a group relating to dramatic performances (for example, the casting of *Othello* or restaurants (for example, a Chinese take-away) where membership of a racial group was required for reasons of authenticity.

The only other reported decision in which section 5(2)(d) had been considered was *Tottenham Green Under Fives Centre v Marshall* ([1989] ICR 214), in which, giving the judgment of the Employment Appeal Tribunal, Mr Justice Wood had said (at p218):

"The purpose of the Act of 1976 is to eliminate discrimination on racial grounds, and in construing section 5 it is important not to give too wide a construction, which would enable it to provide an excuse or cloak for undesirable discrimination: on the other hand where genuine attempts are being made to integrate ethnic groups into society, too narrow a construction might stifle such initiatives."

In their judgment in the instant case the appeal tribunal had cited that passage and had

said that they saw no reason to change their view of the purpose of the Act. His Lordship agreed with that view.

By doing so he was expressing no view of the case for or against positive action in favour of ethnic minorities in order to counter the effects of past discrimination; his Lordship confined his attention to the present meaning of the Act.

The services provided by Lambeth's housing benefit department undoubtedly promoted the welfare of the recipients of those benefits, but the rest of the phrase was qualified by the word "personal".

The use of the word indicates that the identity of the giver and the recipient of the services was important. His Lordship agreed with the appeal tribunal when they said that the Act appears to contemplate direct contact between the giver and the recipient.

He also agreed that the decision in *Tottenham Green* was whether the holder of a particular job provided persons of a particular group with personal services promoting their welfare was a question of mixed law and fact, and that unless the industrial tribunal had come to a decision which was wrong in law neither the appeal tribunal nor the Court of Appeal could interfere.

The industrial tribunal had held that the holders of the job advertised, being managerial positions, did not provide personal services promoting the welfare of persons of a particular racial group.

His Lordship could find no error of law in that decision. He would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Mann delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Mr A. J. George, Lambeth; Paisner & Co.

Standard of proof for coroner's jury in death case

Regina v Wolverhampton Coroner, Ex parte MacCurbin
Before Lord Justice Mustill, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Woolf
(Judgment March 12)

Where it was open to a coroner's jury to find a verdict of unlawful killing and death by misadventure, the coroner, in directing them on the appropriate standard of proof, should indicate that they must be satisfied so that they were sure that there was an unlawful killing, but that where they were not so satisfied, they might apply a less heavy burden of proof, namely the balance of probabilities, to the question of misadventure.

Where, further, the coroner had in part misdirected the jury, but not so as to affect their verdict, the court would not interfere by way of judicial review.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Mr Desmond MacCurbin, brother of the deceased, Clinton MacCurbin, from the dismissal by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (*The Times* July 18, 1989) of his application to quash the verdict of the Wolverhampton Coroner's jury of death by misadventure, and to order a new inquest into the death of Clinton MacCurbin.

Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, for Mr MacCurbin; Mr Patrick McNeill for the coroner; Mr Nicholas Underhill for PC Hobday and PC Thomas.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the deceased died from asphyxia during a violent struggle when the police officers were attempting to arrest him.

PC Hobday had held him around the head and it had been suggested that the police constable's arm had gone around the deceased's neck in the course of the struggle.

Mr Macdonald had submitted that in directing the jury on the question of unlawful killing the coroner had misdirected them on the appropriate standard of proof, namely the criminal, instead of the civil standard.

His Lordship, in considering that question, had derived assistance from section 4(3) of the Coroners Act 1987, despite its subsequent modification by section 56(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977. The section made clear the importance of the decision of the jury and the gravity of the issues they had to decide.

His Lordship also considered the distinction between the approaches to the burden of proof in civil and criminal proceedings. In *Hornal v Newberry Products Ltd* ([1957] 1 QB 247, 250) Lord Justice Denning had said that although there was a technical distinction between the two standards of proof, judges — and, his Lordship would add, all tribunals — had to be cautious not to create problems for themselves by approaching the question in an artificial manner.

From the practical point of view where a serious allegation was made, obviously a high standard of proof was required, however it was defined.

His Lordship also referred to *dicta* of Lord Scarman in *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74, 112 *et seq*) who had said that although there was a technical distinction between the civil and criminal standards, and, particularly in judicial review, that made it undesirable to use the criminal standard, from a practical point of view the result would be the same in the end whichever approach was adopted.

His Lordship referred to and approved the approach of Lord Justice Watkins in *R v West London Coroner, Ex parte Gray* ([1988] QB 467, 477, 478).

In different proceedings there were different considerations leading to what was the appropriate test to apply, having regard to the decision-making body who had the task of reaching a conclusion on the facts.

Whether in a case of a serious nature, such as unlawful killing, the standard adopted was technically the civil standard, elevated because of the gravity of

the issue, or whether the criminal standard was used, the result would almost inevitably be the same.

His Lordship was satisfied that there it was open to the jury to come to a verdict of unlawful killing, the appropriate direction to be given by the coroner was the simple one that they should be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt, or as was sometimes said, satisfied so that they were sure.

That provided clear guidance which the jury would be able to follow, and it was not necessary for them to be involved with finding facts which were more appropriate for a judge than a jury.

If the jury also had to consider the question of death by misadventure, having first approached unlawful killing as a verdict, they might, if the question was still appropriate, consider that matter beyond a mind a less heavy standard of proof, on the basis of the balance of probabilities.

Having considered the coroner's directions both as to the standard of proof and as to what was considered "unlawful killing", his Lordship was satisfied that although there might have been some misdirection in that the coroner had referred to irrelevance to manslaughter due to negligence, it did not have any bearing on the jury's verdict and so did not affect the outcome.

On an application for judicial review the remedy was discretionary. If the court were to interfere in the present circumstances, it would be missing a review which was required to put right a situation which had gone wrong and where an injustice required remedy.

There having been a proper verdict by the jury, the Divisional Court had rightly refused relief.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Scarman agreed.

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THE LAW

Chance dictates a worldly future

A new star will appear in the firmament of business law next week. Nigel Fox Bassett, aged 60, takes over as the supremo at Clifford Chance, Britain's largest law firm.

In his preparation for what could be described as the top job in commercial law, Mr Fox Bassett has three advantages: he is well known in the City, he has considerable overseas experience, and he has been welcomed into office by his partners.

But he also faces a challenge. Emerging from the shadow of Sir Max Williams, the retiring senior partner, Mr Fox Bassett will have to work hard to prove himself a match for his predecessor.

In the commercial context, Clifford Chance is the self-appointed standard-bearer for the English legal profession. Mr Fox Bassett, a partner for 30 years, will, therefore, attract attention as he tries to steer the firm over new horizons.

He has already become "public property". Indeed, with Clifford Chance's continued growth, he may become the first "captain of industry" that the legal profession has created.

How will he cope? "People say

The new supremo at Clifford Chance outlines his plans to Edward Fennell

that I have a hard act to follow in succeeding Sir Max," Mr Fox Bassett says. "But I don't agree. Sir Max's tremendous achievement lay in creating the merged firm of Clifford Chance. The past couple of years have proved that the merger has worked. My objectives are, therefore, different."

"I do not have to be concerned any more about the merger. I have to get new goals for the firm."

Mr Fox Bassett has no doubts about his role within Clifford Chance. He says he will act as the representative of the firm externally, while ensuring harmony within it and providing motivation for the partnership as a whole.

My interpretation is that his personality and his aspirations will set the tone and agenda for the firm. Day-to-day tactics may be directed by what the clients want.

However, the general context will

be established by the vision to which Mr Fox Bassett and his senior colleagues subscribe.

As a result, developments by firms such as Norton Rose and Nathan Nabarro in expanding their provincial connections are regarded as being entirely irrelevant to the Clifford Chance game plan.

"We may have considered briefly the possibility of expansion in the regions, but we rejected the idea," Mr Fox Bassett says.

Clifford Chance once described itself as a London-based international firm, but now believes it is a European-based international firm. In promoting this image, Mr Fox Bassett regards himself primarily as the firm's ambassador. As a diplomat and keen student of history, he has the right kind of credentials for mobilizing Clifford Chance as a leading player on the international law scene.

Mr Fox Bassett says attention will be focused on the Continent for some time. But he says Tokyo, where the firm is now prominent in banking, is probably the fastest-growing office of all. And Hong Kong (or a Hong Kong substitute), which serves Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, as well as mainland China, also has an important future.



Nigel Fox Bassett: "People say I have a hard act to follow"

INNS AND OUTS

The failure last week of a Cairo court to give effect to an order of an English court awarding a woman custody of her three young children highlights the plight of parents who lose their children overseas through abduction by the non-custodial parent. Since 1984, English law has improved the remedies available to parents whose children have been abducted, particularly by giving effect to two international conventions on child abduction. However, if not covered by the conventions (Egypt, for example, has not signed or ratified either of them), parents have no option but to travel to the country concerned and institute proceedings there — a time-consuming and expensive process. The establishment of an all-party group of MFs to "devise, plan and implement policies which will more effectively prevent children from being abducted from the UK and which will promote the return of children who have already been abducted" has, therefore, been welcomed by those who have experienced the trauma of losing a child overseas. This includes members of the self-help group Remite — set up by parents whose children have been abducted — who have reported on the first meeting of the all-party group in their most recent newsletter. The group is calling for a charter for abducted children, to include a children's commissioner, to represent the interests of abducted children in the UK and abroad, legal aid abroad to finance the costs of court cases and access visits and judicial training to increase awareness among the UK judiciary of the seriousness of child abduction. The group would also like the law changed to require the surrender of passports during custody proceedings and marking of passports with custody decisions. Whether their demands will be met will depend on the all-party group's members managing to squeeze a Bill into the packed parliamentary timetable.

Free movement of people throughout the European Community is one of the great aims of the Single European Act, but exactly which people will the new laws encompass? Concern is growing among the 7.5 million non-Community citizens, most of whom are black or from ethnic minorities, that it may not include them. The proportion of non-Community citizens in the member states ranges from 0.4 per cent of the population in Spain to 5.3 per cent of the population in West Germany. In the UK, only 1.8 per cent of residents are not citizens and almost half of these are citizens of other member states. Britain also has race discrimination legislation, which does not exist either in a number of other member states or at Community level. Particularly vulnerable are groups such as Algerians working in France, most of whom are not French citizens. It also includes Turks working in West Germany, who find it difficult to obtain citizenship even if they are born there. The European Commission is looking at the circumstances of the so-called "third country nationals", but no legislation is on the horizon. There is also the thorny issue of rights of asylum in the EC and controls at its external borders. The whole question is to be the subject of a TUC conference in June this year.

Medical negligence litigation is on the increase, according to recent statistics. Last year, the number of legal aid certificates issued for High Court medical negligence actions rose by 44 per cent to 6,054. Compensation paid by health authorities, which includes medical negligence awards, has increased almost threefold since 1984-85. Against this background, the Nuffield Foundation is to fund a major study of compensation for medical negligence to be undertaken by Dr Sally Lloyd-Bostock, of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, and Hazel Genn, who has previously researched into personal injury settlements and tribunal representations. The research project will cost £68,000 and will examine the impact of litigation on doctors, patients and lawyers. The study will also consider the pros and cons of a no-fault compensation scheme.

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Video takes the stand

Vulnerable adults also stand to benefit from an advisory group's suggestion that child witnesses should provide evidence by video

The report of the Advisory Group on Video Recorded Evidence, set up by the Home Office under Judge Phipps, QC, was published last December. It primarily concerned the plight of child witnesses in trials for sexual offences and offences of violence, cruelty and neglect.

However, the group's terms of reference were not confined to children, and it was recognized that in some cases adults who are forced to give evidence in the conventional way in court suffer unacceptable levels of distress.

The report, therefore, contains proposals which would benefit adult victims as well.

The group recommends that an adult who is to be a witness at a trial on indictment for a sexual or violent offence, or at a similar trial in the juvenile court, should be able to apply to be treated as a vulnerable witness. For example, the judge would have to decide whether the witness was likely to suffer "an unusual and unreasonable degree of mental stress" if required to give evidence in open court.

The group says there should be a rebuttable presumption of vulnerability in the case of adult victims of serious sexual offences. Other likely beneficiaries of the proposals would be the very old and frail and the mentally handicapped.

Once a witness had been classified as vulnerable, the judge would have several options. Firstly, he could order a showing at the trial of a video-recorded interview with the witness made by the police. At present such recordings are generally inadmissible as evidence because of the hearsay rule.

The judge would have to see the video before deciding whether it should be admitted. He would take account of the code of practice which the group has recommended

should be drawn up to provide guidance on the conduct of video-recorded interviews so that they are suitable for use in court.

The judge may decide that the admission of video-recorded evidence is all that is necessary.

But the witness may be terrified at the prospect of being in the courtroom with the defendant. In this event, the judge would be able either additionally or alternatively to permit evidence to be given from a different room through closed-circuit television.

This would require an extension of the existing provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, which permits children under 14 in sexual and certain other cases to give evidence in this way.

For a small number of vulnerable witnesses, however, any participation in the trial will involve such a high level of trauma, regardless of whether assistance is provided by way of video evidence or closed-circuit television, that a complete alternative is the best solution.

In these cases, the judge would be able to order that the witness should give evidence at a "preliminary hearing" so that an appearance at the trial would be unnecessary.

The only people present would be the judge, counsel for both sides, the witness and a supporter for the witness if this were thought to be necessary. The accused would not be present in the room, but would

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Examination-in-chief of the witness would take place in the usual way unless a suitable video-recorded interview taken by the police was available. In this event, examination of the witness would be substantially abbreviated.

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The video-recording of the examination-in-chief and cross-examination of the witness at the preliminary hearing would be shown at the appropriate stages of the trial instead.

Jennifer Temkin

● The author is Professor of Law and Dean of the School of Law at the University of Buckingham and was a member of the Advisory Group on Video Recorded Evidence.

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HORIZONS

At the top of your tree

The work of the tree surgeon should become increasingly appreciated as concern about the environment grows. Recent storm damage and deforestation have increased awareness of the importance of trees.

Tree surgery is a branch of arboriculture, the selection, cultivation, and production of trees and shrubs. The tree surgeon's main job is to ensure trees in urban areas are safe and aesthetically pleasing.

Paul Henry has worked as a tree surgeon for 10 years in Britain and West Germany. He predicts a strong future for his work as public concern grows for the welfare of trees. Mr Henry is self-employed. Most of his jobs come from people with gardens, estates or land-holdings. "As opposed to forestry, where the tree is seen more as a crop," Mr Henry says, "the arborist is concerned with trees for pleasure. My clients are simply people with trees."

"Often people will want to have a tree cut down because it blocks the light, or the leaves block drains, or they are afraid the roots of the tree are running under the house. Where possible, I will try to save a tree and might suggest pruning rather than felling. Much of my job is to do with giving advice. Before I do anything to a tree, I will tell people what I am going to do and why. I am amazed at how ill-informed people are about trees — not even being able to tell an oak from an ash, for instance."

The work of the tree surgeon

It could be termed the ultimate in green careers. Janis Mackay investigates the rapidly growing role of the tree surgeon

can be risky. "Many people do not see the necessity of a tree surgeon," Mr Henry says. "They imagine anyone can climb a tree and lop off a few branches with a chain saw."

"After the storm of 1987 and the recent storms, many people were out with their new chain-saws and several landed in hospital. A large part of our training is how to use chain-saws — in the wrong hands, they can be lethal."

"There are many things to be aware of when you cut a tree. There may be a lot of tension in one branch and when you cut that branch, everything can suddenly shift."

"There is also the question of what the roots might be doing to the land and what felling a tree would then mean to the ground it supports."

Many tree surgeons in Britain are employed by local authorities, the biggest owners of public land in urban areas. Policies vary from authority to authority; some have specific policies on trees others have none.

"I worked for the Berlin District Council in West Germany, and tree surgeons were highly regarded," Mr Henry says. "Trees were seen as important and money was spent on their upkeep. Pay in this country for tree surgeons can be high and it can also be low."

There are no fixed rates of pay, at least within the private sector, and I do not know of any tree surgeons driving BMWs. Our pay reflects what people feel their trees are worth. British tree surgeons have a way to go before enjoying the appreciation Germany affords."

Tree surgeons have formed professional groups to lift public awareness of their work. "A few of us around Edinburgh have recently formed the Scottish Guild of Professional Tree Surgeons," Mr Henry says.

In 1963, the Association of British Tree Surgeons and Arborists was formed and in 1964, the Arboricultural Association was created to help raise standards in tree surgery work. It also provides information about training. Before studying arboriculture, students gain experience working in the tree industry. Merrist Wood Agricultural College, the main agricultural college in Britain, insists that students work for a year in the industry before taking courses involving tree surgery. "I began working with a company called English Woodlands," Mr Henry says. "I was a general handyman. They had a small tree-

surgery section, and I began helping out, sorting ropes and equipment. I always had an interest in trees, and from there decided to go to Merrist Wood Agricultural College in Guildford."

"There we studied first and foremost trees — how they grow, basic biology, about woody shrubs and how to identify a wide range of native and non-native species, you learn climbing and rope techniques, how to remove branches safely, how to repair storm-damaged trees and how to undertake tree surveys."

"A lot of the training is to do with safety and tree surgeons have to be physically very fit and willing to work outdoors in all conditions. I know of no women tree surgeons," Mr Henry says, "and neither do I know of many tree surgeons over 40. Most people past that age turn to less strenuous forms of tree work, in planning or consultancy."

For anyone considering a career in tree surgery, Mr Henry recommends visiting arboreums, botanical gardens and getting to know about as many different trees as possible. "You really have to be fit and enjoy working outdoors," he says.

"Large trees usually require a team of tree surgeons, with perhaps one working in the tree and one or two on the ground. When felling a tree by the roadside, you might be the one directing the traffic."

"What keeps you going through snow and rain is the love of trees. For the tree surgeon, this is worth more than pieces of paper."



This tree has had to come down, but felling is sometimes necessary to save other trees or plants

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS



Senior Commercial Services Appointments

The Commercial Services Department of Hampshire County Council is a new organisation which brings together the Highways, Catering, Bulking Cleaning and Vehicle Supply Services. Potential combined turnover for the department will be around £50 million p.a.

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For an informal discussion please contact Graeme Oram (the present Chief Internal Auditor) on 01-352 2145, or Peter Dunleavy (the Director of Finance and Information of the National Heart and Chest Hospitals) on 01-351 8016.

Application form and job description may be obtained from the Personnel Department, Royal Brompton and National Heart Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6HP. Tel: 01-351 8091 (24 hour answering service).

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For an informal discussion please contact Peter Dunleavy (Director of Finance and Information) on 01-351 8016, or Peter Scott (the present Deputy Director of Finance) on 01-352 8121 ext. 4253. The Unit General Manager, Jennifer Cowpe, will be pleased to talk to applicants interested in the Unit Finance Manager post (01-351 8009).

Application forms and job descriptions may be obtained from the Personnel Department, Royal Brompton and National Heart Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3 6HP. (01-351 8091, 24 hour answering service). Closing date: 4th May 1990.

Smyth set for encore with Dismiss

By Mandarin

DISMISS can give the local something to cheer on the opening day of the spring meeting by landing the Westminster Motor (Taxi) Insurance City & Suburban Handicap for the second year running at Epsom this afternoon.

Trained by his very veteran, Ron Smyth, Dismiss was the easiest of winners on soft going 12 months ago but is equally at home on faster ground as the showed when scoring on good to firm going at Salisbury and Newmarket as a three-year-old.

Smyth is a past master at preparing his charges for the big handicaps - there are few in the calendar he has not won - and he has booked Michael Hills to ride for the first time since the combination was successful a year ago.

After her Epsom success, Dismiss rose dramatically in the weights but twice ran creditably under 10 stone to be beaten a neck by Summer Fashion (rec 1978) at Goodwood in June and half a length by Fire Top over today's course and distance in August.

Fire Top, a game and consistent performer last year, went on to land good handicaps at Redcar and Ascot but now reappears on 6lb worse terms.

Starlet and Hated, both with winning form this season, are likely to head the market but I have slight reservations about both and they seem unlikely to represent value.

The former was an easy winner of the Rockery eight days ago but had an important fitness advantage after two runs at Chelmsford, she drifted alarmingly to the left inside the last furlong at Kempton, and Epsom's difficult canburs



Ron Smyth looking for a repeat with Dismiss could conceivably cause her problems.

Of the remainder, I expect Ben Adhem, the 1988 winner, and Halkopos, a progressive three-year-old last term, to run well but Dismiss is a sporting sap to give his 74-year-old trainer another good handicap prize.

The two trials on today's programme seldom shed any light on the classics themselves with the leading trainers seemingly loath to run their best prospects here prior to the Derby meeting.

Of the six runners in the Warren Stakes, Shout And Sing, Spinning and Sober Mind all hold the Derby entry while Stella Bianca is in the Oaks. However, it would be no surprise to see High Beacon, an impressive Kempton handicap winner under top weight, beat them all.

The Princess Elizabeth Stakes runners include four Oaks entries in Ruffa, Hicbe, Cup Of Tricks and Long Island. Ruffa, representing last year's successful combination of Henry Cecil and Steve Caution, looks the pick on the strength of her group three May Hill Stakes success at Doncaster in September.

Pat Eddery has clear-cut chances of a double in the first two races. Domino Trick's experience should be decisive in the Coddington Maiden Auction Stakes while Vamoy, fourth in the Lincoln last time and a good second over today's course and distance on Derby day last year, has a favourite's chance in the Ladbroke Credit Handicap.

On a competitive National Hunt card at Perth, Jimmy Fitzgerald and Mick Dwyer hold a strong hand in the novice hurdles with Kestrel (3.30) and Uncle Ernie (6.0).

Stoute relies on Rock Hopper as Sasaki sidesteps Sandown

By Paul Wheeler

ional hero Mr Frisk and the Southpaw National victor Four Tix 6-1 joint-favourites. However, both have to defy history as well as 19 rivals, as no horse has won 11 races prior to victory in Britain's oldest sponsored race.

The ground on the chase course is officially described as good to firm and there was one third of an inch of rain on Sunday night. Mr Frisk's trainer, Kim Bailey, said yesterday: "He works tomorrow, and at the moment he's fine, but no final decision will be made until Friday."

The Arthur Stephenson-trained pair, the 1987 Gold Cup winners, The Thinker and Durham Edition, runner-up in the National for the second time, are both likely runners, as is Toby Balding's enigmatic Kildimo.

Balding's assistant Jonathan Geake said: "Kildimo picked

his foot before he was due to run at Wetherby over Easter and so it will depend on how much work he has missed because of that. But he seems fine and, as far as I know, we are planning to run."

QUARANTINE CLASSIC TRIAL (Group 11) 1m 20f, Boarding School (M O Toole), Call To Arms (G Braham), Defensive Play (G Harwood), Kilmorye Bay (G Braham), Haverhill (M Harty), Colossus Ridge (B Harty), Rainbow Storm (R Gaudin), Rock Hopper (M Gould), Victory Price (M Gould).

WINTERBROOK GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Group 2) 2m 5f, Kildimo (M O Toole), Call To Arms (G Braham), Defensive Play (G Harwood), Kilmorye Bay (G Braham), Haverhill (M Harty), Colossus Ridge (B Harty), Rainbow Storm (R Gaudin), Rock Hopper (M Gould), Victory Price (M Gould).

Latest prices (Quarantine) 6-1 Mr Frisk, Four Tix, 15-2 Carver Crown, 8-1 Durham Edition, 8-1 Sandown, 8-1 Wetherby, 12-1 Soggyman, 14-1 Vulcan Warrior, 16-1 others.

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Domino Trick	2.35 Vamoy
3.35 Dismiss (nap)	4.10 High Beacon
4.40 Gabbiani	

By Michael Seely

3.05 Ruffa (nap)	3.35 Hated
4.10 Spinning	

The Times Private Handicapper's top picks: 3.35 STARLET.

3.35 WESTMINSTER MOTOR (TAXI) INSURANCE CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP (€19,950; 1m 20f) (16 runners)

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Draw: 51-71, high numbers best; 1m 110yd, low numbers best

2.00 Coddington Maiden Auction Stakes (2-Y-O; €2,337; 5f) (10 runners)

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Success story struggling for direction

Everybody in snooker is unanimous about one thing: the sporting success story of the Eighties is at the crossroads.

Thereafter the consensus falls apart. There are deep divisions about which direction to follow, and even deeper ones about who is going to lead the way.

This may seem astonishing, for snooker was the surprise of the last decade. From being a sport played by a few professionals and in often sleazy clubs in the afternoons by people with dubious sources of income, snooker became the main television sport, with its leading player, Steve Davis, recognized as one of the greatest sportsmen Britain has produced.

The success has brought its own problems. Expansion - finding new territories and giving the growing supply of new players access to the professional ranks - television, sponsorship and money all brought problems.

So has greater exposure. If tennis has had to bear the cross of McEnroe, snooker has had Alex Higgins, and has been no more successful in dealing with its disciplinary problems. Its image has not been helped by stories of drug-taking, nor by a police investigation into suspected match-fixing, and it has been bedevilled with political in-fighting.

But the main problem, and one which exercises most minds most of the time, has been over money. For, incredibly, the growth spurt of the Eighties has entered the Nineties in the red, giving an edge to the debate about how the game should be administered, and by whom.

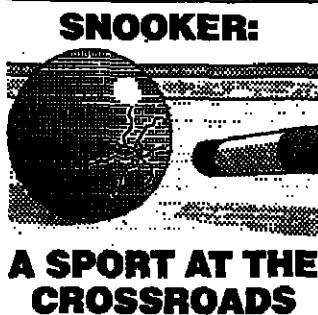
Professional snooker is run by the board of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA), which in theory is the organization serving the 128 tournament professionals, with an office and administrative staff in Bristol.

So far, so uncontentious, although some critics believe that both the Bristol base and the administration itself leave a lot to be desired. "They couldn't organize a tournament in a snooker hall," one caustic journalist wrote, and the recent departure of the managing director, Paul Hatherell, suggested there was some support for that view outside the press room.

But it is the make-up of the WPBSA board and, in particular, fears of a power bloc being formed by the game's two leading managers, Barry Hearn and Ian Doyle, which generates the most heat.

"Nobody has real power, and so there is a constant power struggle," Terry Griffiths, whose world championship victory in 1979 was an important staging post on snooker's road to fame, observed. "Barry and Ian have some, some of the board have some, and the players have some."

"So they are all continually fighting each other. The only thing



A SPORT AT THE CROSSROADS

World championship snooker commands a television audience of 4.5 million each night as it moves towards its finale at the Crucible in Sheffield at the weekend. Today, Peter Ball launches a three-part inquiry by *The Times* into the people and power of snooker

that suffers is the betterment of snooker in the long term, and I can't see that changing."

Others go further. "It is time for a radical change in the make-up of the board," Rex Williams, one of the game's elder statesmen and a former board chairman, says, "but I think to take the managers back on is a retrograde step. I'm not saying there shouldn't be dialogue with the managers, but the control of the sport should always remain in the hands of the players."

For a time, it seemed as if both Hearn and Doyle accepted that logic. Hearn, an outgoing Cockney entrepreneur with considerable charm, who had been on the board, resigned in 1987, citing conflict of interests as he began to expand his activities from management (Steve Davis is his most

famous protégé) to promoting his own tournaments, an activity which previously had been solely in the hands of WPBSA.

Doyle is a Scottish businessman who could have stepped out of the pages of a William McEwan novel. A self-made millionaire, he operates from the John Spencer Snooker Centre at Stirling, handling Stephen Hendry and many of the up-and-coming players.

Doyle resigned from the board last autumn, also citing conflict of interests. While on the board, he had been fiercely critical of Hearn at the time when Hearn was frequently at loggerheads with the then WPBSA chairman, John Virgo, one of the game's leading players.

Virgo's leadership, however, did not prove an unqualified success.



Hand over the shoulder: Doyle, one of two managers on the board governing snooker, keeps a firm hold on Hendry, his prize asset

A parochial game, in terms of being largely, at the professional level anyway, British, the search for expansion into an international arena led to some serious financial mistakes.

There was, too, the perennial problem of whose interests the game should be run in - the few top professionals, the mass of professionals, or an even wider group, with the professional ranks opened up to encompass a much wider base? From the days of Joe Davis, the senior pros had been tempted, understandably, perhaps, if regrettably, to restrict entries.

"The top players have always dictated how the game is run," Virgo says. "Going back to the days of Joe Davis, you only worked if Joe decided you could."

"In 1977 there was a group of us called Virgo's Rebels. We called an extraordinary meeting to try to stop the top players' proposal that all the up-and-coming people should play off against each other, with only two going through to join 14 for the world championship final."

"If I remember rightly, we only got it through because John Pulman overstepped and missed the meeting. And two years later Terry Griffiths gave snooker the huge boost it needed by winning the world title at the first attempt. But he might not have got there at all that year if there had been only two qualifiers instead of 16."

Ten years later, as chairman, Virgo had his own group of rebels

to contend with, and he was equally unsuccessful in defending his corner as the lower echelons of the professional ranks, dismayed to see little return from snooker's expansion, revolted.

"The Peasants' Revolt," with Geoff Foulds cast in the role of Wat Tyler, voted Virgo out of the chair.

In his place came John Spencer, the much-respected and popular former world champion, and the board was reconstituted. There were, however, suspicions that pulling the strings of the "peasants" were the hands of the new and surprising alliance between Doyle and Hearn. Those suspicions magnified when both joined the new board.

Together with Spencer and Foulds, they formed a sub-committee to get things moving again,

but their recommendations to open up the game were rejected at an extraordinary general meeting last week in Sheffield, and now they must think again. Those proposals included giving professional status next season to the 30 top amateurs and those professionals who had lost their regular tournament status. They also included, somewhat ludicrously, giving tournament status to the "billiards-only players", some of whom never play snooker.

If the board had succeeded in gaining the support of the membership, they would then have invited Allison Fisher, the women's world champion, to play on the men's circuit next season, but they failed, chiefly because all the proposals were lumped to-

gether, therefore giving the players no option to vote down the unpopular measures while supporting the popular ones.

Spencer cuts an excellent public figure, but, given Doyle's close association with Spencer, there are suspicions that a cartel has taken over. And what happened to the conflict of interests?

Could Alex Higgins, in that emotional blast as he made his exit from the world championship, have been far off the target when he said "this game is the most corrupt game in the world"?

Doyle admits: "It could be viewed as a cartel, there are conflicts of interest, and that could be unhealthy, but over the years snooker has had almost total conflicts of interests. The players have conflicts of interests between the good of the game and their own vested interest in maintaining a closed shop. And you could say that is true in management, too - that Barry and I manage our own players and our first obligation is to them. But the game was so badly mismanaged that somewhere along the line we had to be realistic and apply what business acumen we had to sort it out."

"And in the long term we won't stay on the board any longer than we need to see that the association is put back on a firm footing financially."

Hearn, his quarrels with Doyle over, or at least contained by mutual agreement behind closed doors, has a similar interpretation. "Of course, there can be a conflict of interests," he says. "Vested interests come into play, and of course I'm going to support things which benefit me and my players. I've got to, and I wouldn't be human otherwise."

"You shouldn't be on the board, you can run rings round this lot, leave them to run things, and you be seen to be clean."

"In a business sense, the old board didn't know what they were doing. It was frustrating to work with them because I had no respect for them as businessmen."

"But the price of this flash of integrity was total chaos, financial disaster. In the course of 18 months after I came off the board, they were so far short of any sort of managerial or financial experience, they made so many mistakes, that they went from a £500,000 profit to a £500,000 loss... in 18 months, when the turnover had doubled at the same time!"

"So, until you can get an administrative set-up which is not only independent, but also is devoid of ineptitude, then the only way to run the game is to leave it in the hands of people who know what they are doing."

THE TELEVISION VIEW

LAST summer, ITV decided to end coverage of the first domestic event of the season, the International at Stoke-on-Trent in September, which prompted the sponsors, Fidelity Unit Trusts, to withdraw. Robert Charles, of Yorkshire TV, who has replaced Trevor East as ITV's executive producer of snooker, says:

"This did not reflect a loss of confidence in snooker. What it did reflect was a rationalization of our coverage of snooker and all other sports. September is a bad time of year to broadcast long stints of sport and we decided to concentrate on our three main events

in the winter time.

"ITV and BBC both knew that we were going to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs if we swamped people with snooker. I think the future looks very good for the game and one indicator of this was that Pearl Assurance came in on a long-term contract to sponsor our flagship event, the British Open."

"Sponsors do their sums to see if it is worth it and obviously they thought it was. Another indicator came at the Mercantile Credit Classic in January. We had the worst possible scenario, the big names being knocked out, but we still had good viewing figures."

"The facilities, the most lavish in Britain, have already been underwritten by Sheffield City Council. However, it was revealed yesterday that the facilities are likely to cost £150 million, not the expected £110 million."

The rise results from the escalation of building costs, partly because of inflation, and the need to find £12 million for the renovation of the Lyceum theatre, which will be used for the arts festival.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Australian passage is blocked

By Keith Macklin

PLAYERS who pull out of the tour of Papua New Guinea and New Zealand will not be allowed to accept summer contracts in Australia. This announcement was made by the Rugby Football League (RFL) yesterday, and puts to an end conjecture that many players who will miss the tour because of injury or "personal reasons" will then sign lucrative contracts to play in Sydney.

David Howes, the RFL's public affairs executive, said: "We are a members game, and both the British and Australian Leagues, who hold the registrations of players, have agreed that touring is paramount. The status of international tours is much more important than the earnings of individual players and we would expect the courts to back our position."

Among those affected are the Great Britain captain, Elerly Grant, his Wigan team-mate, Andy Gregory, and Steve Hogg, who is expected to play in the last of the tour matches on May 6. Leeds and Widnes will start at 3pm with Wigan and Bradford Northern starting at 6.30.

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CRICKET

Presence of Richards makes Edgbaston focus of interest

By Marcus Williams

VIV Richards's probable first appearance for Glamorgan makes Edgbaston the focus of attention in the opening round of Benson and Hedges Cup group matches today. Jetting off after his arrival in England from Antigua yesterday, he will play his first county game since leaving Somerset in acrimonious circumstances four years ago.

Warwickshire hope to include Donald, their South African fast bowler, who joined them in 1987 and relishes the prospect of his first encounter with Richards. Donald will have a test this morning on a strained side, but yesterday rated his chances of playing in this group A match at 50 per cent.

The fixture computer has paired Essex and Nottinghamshire, last season's finalists, in a group D encounter at Chelmsford. Nottinghamshire won by three wickets at Lord's last July, when Hemmings, aged 40, squeezed the last ball of the match from Lever, also aged 40, to the backward point boundary.

Lever has retired, but Hemmings is still in action and may have company in the spin bowling department today from

Also in Group B, Derbyshire meet Sussex, for whom David Smith hopes to return after the thumb injury sustained during his short-lived relief mission to the West Indies. Sussex do not

want to rush him back and the presence of Malcolm Bishop in the opposition's attack, should the latter be preferred to Kuiper, the South African all-rounder, for the overseas place, may keep Smith out for a little longer.

Judicious selection is the keynote for Worcestershire, who meet Gloucestershire in group A. Dilley, who missed the four-day game against MCC and the Sunday match against Somerset, is in a party of 13 travelling to Bristol and is following a carefully planned programme because of long-standing difficulties with his right knee. A further return of personnel from the Caribbean sees Welsh included in Gloucestershire's 13.

In Group C, Hampshire will be without their new recruit, Gower, who has a thigh strain, as well as Robin Smith and Nicholas, their captain, but Ayling, the promising all-rounder, makes a welcome return. He missed last season with a knee injury, but stepped down from the vice-captaincy at the end of last season, will lead a side strengthened by the return of Marshall.

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VOLLEYBALL

Israel hold key for England

By Roddy Mackenzie

ENGLAND'S hopes of making good progress in the women's West European championship, the Spring Cup, in Finland, rest with tonight's match against Israel in Ylöjärvi.

The surprise, 7-15, 11-15, 13-15, defeat at the hands of Israel in the four-nation invitation tournament in Sheffield last Thursday does not augur well for England, but Israel, in turn, lost to Luxembourg, a team defeated by England earlier in the tournament.

Julie Smith, of Sovereign Leasing Sale, played for part of Sunday's opening Spring Cup match against Sweden, which England lost 3-15, 9-15, 7-15 - and should be fit enough to be considered for the starting six, tonight. Paul Westhead, the England coach, changed his setter late on against the Swedes when Teresa Holland, of Britannia, replaced Donna Sedgwick, of Sovereign Leasing Sale.

England's senior men's team is likely to face either Greece or Israel in its next fixture after losing to a powerful Romanian side, 7-15, 7-15, 9-15, in the final match of the preliminary pool on Sunday night. They had earlier secured a place in the quarter-finals by beating Israel B, 15-8, 15-5, 8-15, 6-15, 15-10.

THE tenth London Marathon was a frustrating occasion for both armchair spectators and television broadcasters, as the ever-present trio of Coleman, Pickering and Foster tried bravely to describe the progress of a race which they nor they could see. Pictures from the lead vehicles at the front of the race were not forthcoming because the helicopters that link the mobile cameras with the transmitting station were grounded by low-level clouds.

It seems strange that we have the technology to broadcast pictures from outer space, or to watch events live in Australia via satellite, but are unable to follow a foot race through the streets of London because of inclement weather. As the engineers struggled with that problem, the commentators and producer struggled to fill 2½ hours of viewing.

When all the runners and all the pantomime horses had left a race which we were treated to scenes of roads being swept and rubbish collected. Then we were fed a variety of statistics, including lists of the most common surnames and forenames of the participants. When there was nothing left to say, and only a

view of the hordes streaming past a stationary camera, David Coleman's professionalisation came to the rescue, as he enthusiastically invited us all to sit back and "play the game of see who you know," while he sat back and said nothing.

Thanks to occasional static on the course and reports via telephone, we knew that Allister Hutton, aged 35, from Edinburgh, had sneaked away from the group after six miles, aided by the pacemaker. How would he survive out on

his own in the last 13 miles with the pack working together to catch him? Would his brave gamble succeed, or would the chasing Italians, Spaniards and Soviets overhaul him?

The scene was set, but as the hunted Hutton hurried homeward and his hunters inexorably reduced his lead, we watched a team from Cambridge Harriers carrying a boat somewhere many miles behind. As the helicopters stayed grounded, you had to feel for Coleman and his pals, but you had to feel for Mrs Hutton too.

After 10 years the London Marathon has become an institution, and so has the commentary. Unfortunately, the lack of pictures of the Ethiopian runners denied Ron Pickering an opportunity to tell us yet again about the Horn of Africa, and, what is more, I don't recall a single mention of *Chariots of Fire*. However, Ron did manage to get lots of names wrong, and Brendan Foster was there to quickly correct him. Pickering was wise to this by the end, and avoided trouble with such comments as: "Now there is a familiar face, No. 60."

A lot of words were said, but for me the best line came from a

slightly dazed, and very tired, Hutton, shortly after his victory. "It's the year of the underdog. It's the year of the Scot. What's next - the World Cup?"

Overall, the team did an excellent job in very difficult circumstances. There are, however, a couple of changes that I have always wanted to see, and am still waiting for. The commentary would surely be enhanced by the occasional really knowledgeable and class marathon runner is about. The insights of somebody who has been there and done it would be most interesting.

Athletics enthusiasts want to see more than the first six finishers. Why do they not split the screen and show the finish line, while they also try to find the leading women among huge groups of men?

The London Marathon is a magnificent and extraordinary event in many, many ways. The coverage was spoilt by the weather, but there were still one or two memorable moments. For example, where else in the London Marathon would a group of 25,000 people be glad that it is raining?

WORLD STUDENT GAMES

'Million club' may end funding fears

By John Goodbody

COLIN Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, and Sebastian Coe yesterday launched a funding scheme to support next year's World Student Games, the biggest multi-sport event to be held in Britain this century, but which has been beset with financial problems.

It is hoped that £27 million will be raised

FOOTBALL

League give Chester a gentle nudge as Walsall play it safe

CHESTER City, of the third division, are being pressed by the Football League to provide assurances over where they will be playing next season. Chester last month sold their Sealord Road stadium for a supermarket development, despite having no new ground, and their proposed ground-sharing schemes with several football and rugby league clubs have fallen through.

Now the League, becoming increasingly worried about the situation, have given Chester a deadline of tomorrow for information on their plans, which can then be put before the management committee at its meeting on May 3.

Tan Cotton, the League professional secretary, is not a fan of Chester. "We have been running out of it, and time is pressing on us. It has not come to the point of them being ejected from the League, but Chester have got to bear in mind that when the season ends, fixtures have to be worked out for the next season," he said. "That is a long and complicated process, and

Gullit's return ends in chaos

THE long-awaited return of Ruud Gullit to the AC Milan first team has ended in chaos. The Dutch midfielder, who had been missing for 11 months with a knee injury, took the field after 61 minutes of the match against Sampdoria, who were leading 1-0, still seemed bound for an extraordinary successful season.

Having already won the world club championship, the European Super Cup, and having reached the finals of the European Cup and the Italian Cup, Milan were also well positioned to achieve at least a play-off for the Italian championship.

But Gullit had been on for less than a minute when first he, then Van Basten, were fouled. Arrighi, the Milan coach, reacted from the bench to protest

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A final chance to press claims for trips to Italy

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

THE door to England's World Cup squad will close, with an almost audible creak, within the next 48 hours. After the internationals against Czechoslovakia at Roker Park tonight and at Wembley tomorrow, it will be reopened only if any of the chosen 22 is subsequently injured.

Although Bobby Robson will not officially announce his list until the middle of next month, between the fixtures against Denmark on May 15 and against Uruguay on May 22, even now England's manager has few reservations about his proposed personnel. For fringe members, therefore, this is the last chance.

As if on cue, Dave Sexton stressed the point in Sunderland yesterday when he unveiled the B team. "I think there are a few places in the World Cup squad still up for grabs," he said. "They are worth competing for anyway because people can get injured."

Two members of his party can already expect to be promoted. Either Seaman, who will be in action during the first half, or Beasant, who will take over for the second, is certain to accompany Shilton and Woods to Italy this summer as the third-choice goalkeeper.

"Bobby Robson has a good idea which one he will take," Sexton said, "but it is difficult; there is not much between

them." Beasant, though he represented the senior side as a substitute against Italy and Yugoslavia at the end of last July, has yet to collect a full cap. Seaman owns only one.

Webb, the most regular of Bryan Robson's partners since the last World Cup, must prove only his fitness to be back in contention for his usual position against the Danes next month. Unlike almost all the other representatives, he ideally needs games rather than a prolonged rest.

He has not played for England since he ruptured an Achilles tendon in Sweden last September. Yet that is a short break compared to that of Cowans. He has been out in the cold since the triumphant visit to Tbilisi in the Soviet Union more than four years ago.

It was then, less than three months before the World Cup, that Beardsley made such an impact that not only did he go to Mexico but he also played a prominent part there. Apart from Webb and a goalkeeper, only Adams and perhaps Cowans can hope to follow his exalted path.

Though technically limited, and especially when opposing the smaller and quicker forwards who will be prevalent in Italy, Adams is considered to be marginally ahead of Wright in the competition for a place as the understudy for Butcher.

Wright, who is still receiving treatment for a calf strain, remains doubtful.

He may not be included in the starting line-up at Wembley tomorrow night, but Bobby Robson concedes that he "must have a look at him at some stage". The implication is that he could replace Walker, who is involved with Nottingham Forest in the Littlewoods Cup final on Sunday, during the interval.

Steven and Hodge, who have been picked only once in the last two and three years respectively, will probably be invited to strengthen their cases in an already lengthy list of midfield possibilities. It covers Gascoigne, McMahon, Roca, Pheasant and Platt, who has overtaken Thomas in the order of preference.

Gascoigne has been promised another full appearance, only the second of his brief and colourful career, and he should make the most of the opportunity tomorrow night. Otherwise, Cowans could yet gain a belated personal reward for his outstanding contribution to Aston Villa's progress in the first division this season.

ENGLAND B: D Seaman (Coventry Park Rangers); B Beasant (Coventry City); M Waters (Aston Villa); A Adams (Aston Villa); G Pheasant (Manchester United); D Wood (Wolverhampton); M Webb (Manchester United); G Cowans (Aston Villa); R Wallace (Southampton); A Smith (Aston Villa); M Gascoigne (Sunderland); Substitutes: D Beasant (Chelsea); A Lingham (Norwich City); M Thomas (Aston Villa); M Le Tissier (Southampton); D Burrows (Liverpool).

Yorath questions timing of match

From Ian Ross, Stockholm

THE ability of Terry Yorath, the manager of Wales, to smile in the face of familiar adversity served him well yesterday as his squad arrived here to commence preparations for tomorrow night's international against Sweden.

Yorath admitted that the withdrawal at the weekend of Ian Rush (Liverpool), Brian Law (Queen's Park Rangers) and Dean Saunders (Derby County) came as no surprise to him and he questioned the wisdom of scheduling international fixtures at one of English football's most important domestic phases.

"I think that at this time of the year you must, as the manager of an international team, take it on the chin," he said. "To be honest, I expected to lose three or four players

and in that respect I was not disappointed. As a club manager I fully understand the commitments at present, what with promotion and relegation issues still to be settled.

"It is not an ideal situation, but had we been involved in the World Cup and had this been a key warm-up game, I would have been more annoyed. You have to ask is this really the right time for a full programme of international games?"

"Perhaps it is not, because there are very few clubs in England who have nothing left to play for even at this late stage in the season," he added.

Wales will play their first under-21 international since 1984 when they entertained the Poland under-21 side at Merthyr Tydfil on May 19.

McAllister is surprise newcomer

GARY McAllister, the Leicester City midfielder, was yesterday handed the chance to claim a place in the Scotland squad for the World Cup finals in Italy this summer after his sudden and unexpected promotion to the full squad from the B team pool by the national coach, Andy Roxburgh.

McAllister, aged 25, who shone in last month's B team match against Yugoslavia, will make his full international debut tomorrow against East Germany at Hampden Park, in place of the injured Jim Bett, of Aberdeen, who suffered a hamstring injury at the weekend.

Roxburgh said: "Bett would definitely have played, so I have decided on Gary as a straight replacement. He was impressive last month in the B team and this is an opportunity for him to show what he can do on the big stage."

Roxburgh also revealed that the Hibernian goalkeeper, Andy Goram, will start the game, while the Rangers forward, Maurice Johnston, will return after being omitted for last month's game against Argentina.

Alex McLeish, of Aberdeen, has been named as the Scottish Football Writers' Association's Player of the Year for the first time. The central defender, aged 31, will win his 68th cap for Scotland tomorrow.

John Sheridan, the Sheffield Wednesday midfielder, has been denied a late call up to the Republic of Ireland squad for the match against the Soviet Union tomorrow because of an ankle injury.

Horner out in under an hour

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Out in front: Devoy, of New Zealand, retrieves a ball from Horner

Devoy destroys hopes of unexpected upset

By Colin McQuillan

HOPES of an unexpected home breakthrough in the H-Tec British Open squash championships were destroyed in just 56 minutes at Wembley last night when Susan Devoy, the tough defending champion from New Zealand, rose above indifferent form and obvious nerves to defeat Suzanne Horner, of Yorkshire, 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3.

Horner, aged 27, and seeded only twelfth for this championship, had removed the world champion, Martine Le Moignan, on her way to last night's final, but could not quite match the determination of the world No. 1.

Devoy was fidgety from the outset in pursuit of a seventh successive win after an unusually light competitive preparation this year. Severely tested in the semi-finals by Michelle Martin, of Australia, the younger sister of the men's finalist, Rodney Martin, she earned the first game of the final mostly from the error count of her opponent and lost the second in just nine minutes, seemingly bemused by the floating rallies created by Horner as a framework for her stinging drops and kills.

The Yorkshire champion fell off the pace of the third game after a long and patient rally at 4-1. From that point, the New Zealander was able to introduce her famous backhand drop shot for the first time.

Horner showed against Le Moignan, and in the semi-finals against the sixth-seeded Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, that she has the athletic reserves for a telling second attack and she displayed the same physical resources in the fourth game here to pull back from 0-3 to 3-3. But her natural tactical base is built upon the drop and the lob, especially in the back-hand court, and this was to prove her undoing.

Devoy is the greatest backhand front-court player in the women's field. Her whole game, indeed her career, is built upon a carefully developed ability to draw opponents to the top left corner or drive them away for execution.

England's hopes of a Yorkshire victory to suitably return the British Open title for the first time since Fran Marshall, another Yorkshire player, won it in 1961, foundered upon Horner's refusal to abandon her own shots into that area and thus deliver herself up to that famous killing shot eight times in the closing rallies.

There were moments in the third game when it seemed

Horner would return in her previously successful manner. At 1-7, a forehand cross-court lob played at full stretch in the front and delivered beyond retrieving in the deep left corner, signalled a tremendous roar of anticipation from the crowd of 3,000 in the Wembley Conference Centre.

A back-hand mid-court volley drop, which completely wrong-footed Devoy, and the successful penalty stroke appeal in the back hand court reinforced suggestions of counter-attack.

But a no-let decision from the referee, David Stevenson, on an apparently blocked approach to a forehand short angle drop, stopped the run. Devoy finished the game with three successive back-hand drop shots and continued the tactic throughout the final game.

"She hit such a perfect length to the deep forehand that you have to boast out, and then she kills you in the corner. I kept feeding it in and she was happy to keep killing it," Horner said. Devoy was just relieved to get it over.

Summary: New Zealand, Susan Devoy (9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3) vs Yorkshire, Suzanne Horner (2-9, 9-1, 3-9, 3-9). Devoy (NZ) vs Horner (York) 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3. Also: Susan Devoy (NZ) vs Michelle Martin (AUS) 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3. Devoy (NZ) vs Martin (AUS) 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3. Devoy (NZ) vs Martin (AUS) 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3. Devoy (NZ) vs Martin (AUS) 9-2, 1-9, 9-3, 9-3.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Footballer threatened

LUDWIGSBURG, West Germany (Reuters) — Thomas Haessler, West Germany's most expensive footballer, has been put under 24-hour guard after a kidnapping threat. He has been given a bodyguard, football officials say.

Last week Haessler, a mid-field player, was sold by Cologne to the Italian club, Juventus, in a deal worth more than £53 million, a Bundesliga record. He will move to Italy after the World Cup finals.

Out of bunker

East Berlin (Reuters) — East Germans, long barred from playing the "capitalist" sport of golf, have founded the country's first golf association and the first club could open in Dresden by June.

Final meeting

Barnsley Sixth Form College meet Harvey GS in the English Schools FA Barclays under-19 final for county champions at Gillingham tonight.

Golf captain

Mary McKenna, the Irish champion, will captain Great Britain and Ireland in the women's world amateur golf team championship for the Espirito Santo Trophy in New Zealand from October 18-21.

Unbeaten run

England's 16-group rugby schoolboys returned home yesterday from their two-match visit to the Iberian peninsula after an unbeaten international season. Their 35-3 victory over Spain in Benidorm over the weekend was the most spectacular of their wins, following success against Italy and Portugal.

Richards flies in to a police reception

VIVIAN Richards, West Indies' embattled captain, flew into Heathrow from Antigua yesterday to join Glamorgan and was met by the six uniformed police officers (Ivo Tennant writes).

Jeag permitting, he will make his debut for them this morning, in their Benson and Hedges Cup match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston.

Nasser Hussain, the Essex and England batsman, will have to have his left wrist pinned and is likely to miss the first six weeks of the season. The news was revealed at the county's press day in Chelmsford after Hussain had further X-ray examinations in the morning. The news has put paid to him figuring in England's plans against New Zealand at the start of their tour.

Brasher reacts to possibility of BBC repeat

By David Powell, Athletics Correspondent

CHRIS Brasher, the race director of the ADT London Marathon, was not exactly calling for heads to roll as he delivered his summing-up in the vicinity of the Tower of London yesterday. But his criticism of those involved with television coverage and the timing of the race did not fall far short.

Millions of viewers who tuned into BBC on Sunday morning were unable to follow Allister Hutton's solo run to victory and the belated attempt by others to catch him because a low cloud base prevented helicopters from taking off to beam pictures into the nation's living rooms.

For most of the race the commentators were reliant on Alan Storey, a coach who had a privileged view from the lead vehicle, and Veronique Marot, the holder of the fastest time by a British woman, to relay in words a story that had been promised in pictures. Even David Coleman admitted on air that they were having to "make-and-mend".

That signal goes all over the world and it was not up to par," Brasher said, adding that it would have to improve when the World Cup marathon is held in conjunction with London next year. "We have four more years to run with the BBC and we have huge powers to make changes," Brasher said. "The BBC also has its pride."

What they do not have is the technology. An ITV spokesman agreed yesterday that without the helicopters, or possibly a blimp (hot air balloon), the problem was technologically insurmountable. A BBC spokesman said: "We were using the most up-to-date technology. It was just an unfortunate accident of the weather and we did as best we could. With outside broadcasts, it is an inherent problem."

Brasher criticised the BBC for inadequate contingency plans. "They could easily have put a reporter onto the lead car," he said. "Tokyo TV did just that, the BBC did not." The ITV spokesman said: "A safety net should always be provided."

"Cameras could have been linked to various high buildings around the entire marathon course," the ITV spokesman added.

Bearing in mind this was the world's biggest marathon, with some 25,000 finishers,

Medals lost

TEN thousand "genuine" bags and at least 1,100 medals went missing during the London Marathon on Sunday (Michael Coleman writes). ADT, the main sponsor, had provided 35,000 bags, but although there were only 24,871 registered finishers, Chris Brasher, the race director, said yesterday: "We fell short. They ran out. Ten thousand bags went walkabout. An element of banditry evidently crept in." Derrick Pollard, in charge of race administration, ordered 25,500 medals to be minted but instead of having a surplus he had to leave 500 runners empty-handed.

This was no time for the Tinseltown to jazz. It was noticed that a stream of identical times were coming through to the operations room of Unisys, the marathon's official computer company. "The Unisys service was magnificent, but I can't stay the same about the timing company," Brasher said.

According to Brasher, Rosa Moya, the Olympic champion, has confirmed she will take the eleven London Marathon seriously after running half of the race for charity. After criticism that London was struggling to compete with the commercial spring marathons in Boston and Rotterdam, he gleefully announced that the average times recorded by the first 10 men — 2hr 11min 07sec — and by the first 10 women — 2hr 29min 39sec — were the fastest.

After discussions with the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) yesterday, the British Amateur Athletic Board (BAAB) has selected Nicola McCracken for the European championships in Split this summer. McCracken was the first British woman to finish in London but doubts were raised about her eligibility because she had competed in fun-runs in South Africa until 1986.

McCracken was born in Southampton and holds a British passport and Tony Ward, the BAAB spokesman, said: "The IAAF have told us 'they believe she is qualified.' The board had guaranteed European championship places to the first man and woman in London."

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England negotiate uncharted waters

By Andrew Longman, Tennis Correspondent

BRITAIN'S Davis Cup tie against Romania in Bucharest next week became even more of a leap in the dark yesterday. Quite apart from the stadium, which might or might not be finished, and the officials, who have little international experience, Romania have added to the mystery by choosing Dian Pascariu, a schoolboy, aged 16, in their squad of four for the tie which begins on May 4.

In contrast, Warren Jacques, Britain's Davis Cup captain, has stuck with the devils he knows, retaining Jeremy Bates, Nick Brown and Andrew Castle from the team which lost to Argentina on the grass of Eastbourne last July. The one surprise in the British team announced yesterday was Danny Sapsford, chosen for his first Davis Cup tie, in place of the injured Chris Bailey and ahead of Mark Petchey.

Barring injury, it is unlikely that Sapsford will get his first taste of Davis Cup tennis this time, but his selection is a reward for some solid work over the past two months, including qualifying for a \$1 million championship series event in Tokyo, which has taken him into the top 300.

Jacques will now have just a week and a half to prepare his players for a severe test of nerve and character in front of 5,000 sport-starved Romanians. The British captain's peace of mind was certainly not helped by the International Tennis Federation, who confirmed yesterday that no extra officials would be assigned to the tie, despite his fear that the Romanians would be too inexperienced to handle an important Davis Cup tie. Only Michel Willem, the Belgian referee, will be sent by the ITF.

The rule for all zonal group matches is to have a neutral referee, who has the power to overrule the umpires if necessary, and local linesmen and umpires. There is no reason to change that, Ian Barnes, of the ITF, said. "The referee will go out a day early to give the officials a day's training. The Romanians have had several Davis Cup ties in recent years, so their officials are reasonably experienced."

On paper, there is no comparison between the two teams. Bates, Britain's No. 1, is ranked 72 in the world and has proved his well-being over the last two weeks, winning one challenge event in South Africa and reaching the final of another. Brown, who qualified for Seoul last week, gave Castle a good match in the one tournament. All three are ranked well ahead of Florin Segurancu, the leading Romanian player.

But not too much should be read into that: the Davis Cup rarely conforms to rank and the Romanians have only recently had a chance to improve their rankings. The British team is also unused to playing on clay and has only a minimal time to adjust. The players are due to fly out to Bucharest next Monday.

While Adrian Panu and George Cosac played singles for Romania in their narrow victory over Ireland in the first round of the zonal group, there is a chance that Pascariu, the 1989 European junior champion, will be pitched in.

If Pascariu is, he will become, according to memory rather than detailed records, the third youngest player in the history of the Davis Cup after Bjorn Borg, who was 15 years 330 days old when he made his debut against New Zealand in May 1972, and Harrison Rubin, who played for Pakistan against South Vietnam in 1965 at the age of 15 years 140 days. Obviously for Britain's chances of getting into the promotion play-offs for the world group next year, both of them went.

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